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Work will start on Porthcawl Maritime Centre in October!

THE plan to build a maritime centre next to Porthcawl Marina has taken another step forward as the company that will build it – starting work in October this year – has been named.

Porthcawl Harbourside CIC has announced that Andrew Scott Ltd has been chosen to construct the Porthcawl Maritime Centre.

The Porthcawl Harbourside team will now work with Andrew Scott in developing the design of the Maritime Centre, with the aim of starting the main

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construction in October 2017.

It is expected that the construction period itself will provide a range of learning and development opportunities for the local community, including apprenticeships, work placements, jobs and

opportunities for local suppliers.

The Porthcawl Maritime Centre, once developed, aims to provide similar learning and development opportunities, and employment, and to increase tourism and visitor income and make a huge difference in the local, regional and national economic landscape.

Mike Clarke, chairman of Porthcawl Harbourside CIC said: "This is a fabulous milestone for Porthcawl Harbourside CIC and our hardworking team."

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ABOVE: A group of bikers based in Pencoed have made a great contribution to Ty Hafan, the children's hospice.
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'Free parking pilot scheme' at Rhiw car park in Bridgend

THE first two hours of parking at the Rhiw multi-storey car park in Bridgend town centre will be free from this summer until spring 2018, cabinet members from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have announced.

The Welsh Government has made £3m available to support free parking pilot schemes in local authorities during the current financial year, and BCBC will use its £131,000 allocation to introduce a scheme to benefit Bridgend town centre.

The pilot scheme is anticipated to begin during August, and a confirmed start date will be publicised soon.

Coun Charles Smith, cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "The Welsh Government has recognised that changing lifestyles, internet shopping and more competition is affecting town centres right across Wales.

"They've made this funding available so that local authorities can trial various forms of free parking arrangements to see how much of an



There will be free parking at the Rhiw car park for a limited time.

impact that might have in attracting shoppers back to our high streets.

"The Rhiw multi-storey is perfectly located for this pilot scheme, which we're aiming to have up and running by the end of August, and it will then continue through to March 2018.

"Its modern 'pay on foot' system also means that the necessary changes to payment machines and signage will be relatively straightforward, costing in the region of £700."

Coun Smith added: "Currently, the revenue received by the council from car parking goes towards the maintenance and provision of the facilities.

"Without this additional Welsh Government funding we would not be able to offer the two hours' worth of

free parking beyond March, so we will wait to see if the allocation is also provided for 2018-19.

"If it isn't, and the free parking is seen to have had a positive effect on the town centre, then it may be something that the Bridgend Business Improvement District (BID) choose to fund in future years, together with Bridgend Town Council."

Businesses who are part of the BID invest 1.25 per cent of their rateable value into a pot

of money which is spent on projects aimed specifically at 'improving the vibrancy' of Bridgend town centre.

The new Rhiw multi-storey opened in November 2016 and is part of a larger redevelopment project funded by Welsh Government, Coastal Housing Group and BCBC, which also includes new apartments and a retail unit.

The project is due to be completed this summer.

Local school receives award

OVER the last 18 months Porthcawl Comprehensive School (PCS) has been running the 'Achievement for All Programme'.

A school spokeswoman said: "A small team of staff has been working with a number of pupils to ensure they maximise their potential in school. This has involved regular meetings with pupils and parents or carers to look at attendance and achievement.

"These meetings have been key in developing closer links with home and identifying ways in which the school and parents/carers can work together for the benefit of the children.

"Feedback from parents, carers and pupils alike has been very positive. Parents and carers told us: 'The programme has boosted N's confidence', 'The programme has bridged a

gap between school and home' and 'S's confidence has grown and her general well-being has improved'.

"Pupils have also been enthusiastic about the programme saying: 'The programme has made me feel better about myself', and 'It was good to have a meeting with parents as we talked about how school is going and things at home'.

"Recently this work has been recognised with the school being among the top three schools nationally in the 'Pupil Premium' category at the 'Celebrating Every Child' awards in Newbury and we are delighted we received a certificate of 'Highly Commended' for the work.

"Many thanks to pupils, parents and carers and staff at Porthcawl Comprehensive School for their commitment and teamwork."



Foster carers Dean and Clare Williams

Foster carer wins poetry competition

A FOSTER carer from Bridgend has won a national poetry writing competition, run by an independent fostering agency, Foster Care Associates (FCA).

Clare Williams's poem about how fostering affects lives was selected from hundreds of entries by FCA, which ran the competition in May this year.

FCA asked foster carers from all over the UK to submit poems that 'express their journey as a foster carer'. Clare's poem was awarded first prize and won £500 towards a family holiday.

Clare said: "I was really pleased to be awarded first prize by FCA for the writing competition. I thoroughly enjoyed writing my poem, having put a lot of time and thought into what I wanted to say.

"Over the years, Dean and I have fostered a number of children and young people who have had their struggles and challenges. But with a lot of listening, perseverance and love, I feel we have changed and improved some young people's lives."

Ann-Marie Browning, regional manager at Foster Care Associates, Cymru South, said: "Clare's poem gave a wonderful representation of the Williams' fostering journey, it was really well written and a favourite amongst so many other inspirational entries."

Clare's poem:
*I wanted to foster for such a long time,
 All I had to do was persuade this hubby of mine,
 Drip feeding the idea now and again,
 Trying to promote what we could gain,
 This went on for quite sometime.
 Finally started my dream in 2009,
 Off to skills to foster we went,
 Two long days as a family we spent,
 Really happy with how it how it went,
 No more time persuading was spent,
 We were all fully on board I'm pleased to say,
 We were soon to be part of team FCA,
 Lots of training and support we received,
 Being approved by panel we were so pleased,
 Not knowing what to expect deep down,
 Seven years later, Dean wears the carer rep crown,
 We've opened our hearts and our home,
 Some of the children feel scared and alone,
 Reaching out for someone to care,
 Myself and Dean are always there,
 Sometimes carers feel stress and strain,
 But hang on in there you've got so much more to gain,
 However small a difference you make,
 You will never regret the choices you take,
 A child you care for has low self esteem,
 But with your support and guidance, they can follow their dreams,
 We never regret the decision we took,
 So ring FCA and take a look.*

Camera van to snap 'dangerous' school-run parking

A MOBILE CCTV van will soon be on patrol in Bridgend County Borough to tackle the problem of drivers parking dangerously outside schools.

The new vehicle, which will be marked as a 'mobile enforcement unit', will capture footage of any inconsiderate motorists who park their cars illegally on school 'keep clear' markings or ignore other parking restrictions that put children at risk.

Coun Richard Young, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said: "Many concerns have been expressed by parents, schools, and local councillors that this is an issue in many of our communities. We want to do everything we can to improve the safety of schoolchildren and their families, so are pleased to agree the purchase of this new CCTV vehicle.

"A team of civil enforcement officers already patrol school entrances on foot, but drivers often see them approaching and remove their vehicles before returning when the officer is no longer in the area.

"The mobile vehicle will be able to quickly capture images while moving past or when stationary, and Penalty Charge Notices will then be sent to the offending drivers through the post.

"It will be a huge asset for us and drum home the point that motorists should always think about safety when parking near our schools. Not only does illegal parking put others at risk, but it also causes unnecessary congestion."

Although the new CCTV vehicle will help to make schools safer, it will also be deployed to reduce dangerous parking in town centres and other hot-spot areas that can be harder to enforce on foot.

Coun Young added: "The vehicle will also make us more effective in tackling problems with parking on zig-zags near pedestrian crossings.

"While a driver may think that it is more convenient for them to park in such a location while they go about their business, doing so can have serious safety implications as it restricts the visibility of any pedestrian using the crossing.

"Parking in bus stops is another problem. It consistently affects local bus operators, and has an impact on safety, punctuality, and convenience of bus passengers. With a mobile CCTV vehicle, it will be possible for the team to patrol a full bus route within a relatively short period of time."

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 13)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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07 Fri	06.13	8.6	18.33	8.8
08 Sat	06.54	9.0	19.14	9.1
09 Sun	07.31	9.2	19.48	9.3
10 Mon	08.04	9.3	20.21	9.4
11 Tues	08.39	9.4	20.58	9.5
12 Wed	09.16	9.3	21.34	9.3
13 Thur	09.51	9.2	22.10	9.2

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Maritime Centre work commences in October!



An architect's impression shows the maritime centre, above right. Top left is the RNLI station, and below the RNLI station is Jennings Building. The white 'manta ray shape' will be an open air performance space.

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Mr Clarke continued: "Following a rigorous tender process with interest from a high number of quality companies, we are delighted to announce Andrew Scott as our construction business partner.

"Port Talbot-based Andrew Scott has a long standing reputation for constructing major high quality projects. We look forward to working together to deliver a project of which Porthcawl can be proud."

Mark Bowen, managing director of Andrew Scott Ltd, said: "The Maritime Centre is set to become a vibrant visitor destination, and we are excited to be involved in such a landmark project that will enhance the tourism sector for Porthcawl and the south Wales coast."

IWAN'S SKILLS TAKE HIM TO WELSH TITLE



Iwan Veasey of Bryncethin.

A 17-YEAR-OLD from Bryncethin has won a gold medal in the new entrant bricklaying final of a national skills competition.

Backed by the Welsh Government through the European Social Fund, Skills Competition Wales is a series of events held in colleges across the country, designed to celebrate vocational skills and create skilled, award-winning employees for the Welsh workforce.

Iwan Veasey, who is studying a level 2 Diploma in bricklaying, competed against four other students from across Wales in a series of bricklaying challenges.

The competitors were tasked with building a wall and were judged on accuracy, speed and how level the structure was.

Iwan from Bridgend

College said he couldn't believe it when the judges announced him as the winner.

"My tutor suggested I compete as he thought I had great potential. I was really nervous on the day as I've never competed in anything like this before, but I was glad to see all my hard work paid off.

"It's such a great accolade to put on your CV. I've just secured an apprenticeship with Persimmon Homes and I'm looking forward to starting my career as a bricklayer."

More than 35 competitions are taking place this year, across a wide range of different vocations from plumbing and beauty therapy to aeronautical engineering and accountancy.

The successful Welsh competitors may now go up against youngsters from across the UK at the WorldSkills UK finals, at The Skills Show in Birmingham in November.

Competitors who excel at The Skills may then be shortlisted to compete against the world's most talented young people at the international WorldSkills competition in Kazan, Russia in 2019.

The Minister for Skills and Science, Julie James said: "At the Skills Show last year, the Welsh team topped the leader board of UK regions, winning a total of 45 medals, which demonstrates that we're producing some of the most highly skilled young people across the nation."

"Along with Iwan's hard work and determination the support from his college is an important factor in his success, and I would like to extend a special thank you to all the local

Bikers' ride-out raises £4,000 for Ty Hafan

OVER £4,000 has been raised for the children's hospice Ty Hafan by a recently formed, Pencoed-based motorcycle riders club - The Loones Wales (see picture on page 1).

Ty Hafan is one of the UK's leading paediatric palliative care charities and offers care to children and support for their families, throughout Wales.

Matt Bolger, the trading general manager for Ty Hafan: "When we heard The Loones were going to do a motorcycle ride-out for Ty Hafan, it sounded like something really fun that would attract lots of supporters."

"But we never dreamed that the community and local businesses would get behind it so much!"

"The £4,041.91 raised by the ride-out is such a huge amount to raise from an event of this type. The Loones have obviously done a fantastic job."

"We really appreciate all their effort and would like to say a big thank you to everyone who

helped or donated. It costs almost £12,000 per day to provide Ty Hafan's services to the life-limited children and their families in Wales, so community support is really important to us."

The Loones, who only formed a few months ago and are taking new members, already number over 40 and this was their first event for charity.

A total of 70 riders donated to join the ride out.

In fact, motorcycleists arrived from all over Wales and England, helping to make the day a fantastic success and a lot of fun.

Setting out from The Chatterton Arms, Pencoed, and riding in Sully the route included high streets in Cowbridge and Barry town centre, with members of The Loones support crew encouraging the public to donating along the way.

The event also

included an evening of entertainment at The Chatterton Arms where the popular local band, The Evil Turkeys, gave their services for the cause.

There was also overwhelming support from local businesses who donated prizes for a raffle on the night.

Andrew Thomas, president of The Loones said: "It was a fantastic day and a great result for Ty Hafan!"

"Everyone seemed to enjoy it and the enthusiastic support from local businesses and the public was, quite honestly, overwhelming."

"A massive thank you to all who contributed to making this event such a success. We are an expanding club of like-minded people that enjoy riding our motorcycles for pleasure on a regular basis and if anyone would like to be involved enquiries can be left on our Facebook page - THE LOONES WALES."

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The spectre of Passchendaele looms as Fronwen man becomes the county's only VC



Cpl Sidney Deeble (fourth from right, back row).

PORHCRAWL historian Ceri Joseph continues her look back on life in Porthcawl 100 years ago during World War One – this time, it's the month of July, 1917.

The month began with the sad news of the death of Gunner William John Deeble, Royal Horse Artillery, who had died at Norwich Hospital on 12th July 1917 as a result of gas poisoning sustained in France, a few weeks previously.

William was the second of eight children, born in 1883 to Annie and Richard Deeble, of 4, New Road, Porthcawl. In 1912, William had married Jane Turner, who was working as a domestic servant to Robert Rankin, builder, 7, Suffolk Place.

Following their marriage they moved to Barry, Jane's hometown where in 1913, their daughter Olive was born, followed by Iris in 1916. William is buried in Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry.

William was not the only Deeble from Porthcawl to serve in World War One. His brother James, a painter and decorator in the town, served for a short time with the Monmouthshire Regiment, before he was discharged on 2nd July

1917, suffering with a condition that severely affected his digestive system.

However, another brother Sidney, a former quarryman, having enlisted into the Royal Horse Artillery Reserve on 1st July 1910 at Port Talbot, was embodied into the RHA Regiment on 5th August 1914, the day after war was declared.

Throughout the next two years he served on the Home Front, then in August 1916, as Gunner Sidney Deeble, attached to the Royal Field Artillery, with another Porthcawlian, Corporal Harry Batters, he underwent training at Salisbury Plain.

Harry, unfortunately, suffered so severe an injury whilst training that he was discharged that same month. Sid, on the other hand, as part of the 58th Trench Mortar Battery, was posted, on 20th January 1917, to the Western Front where his unit saw action at Messines and Passchendaele.

Returning to 'Blighty' in April 1918, Sid was promoted to Corporal and transferred to the Labour Corps on 31st August 1918, from whence he was discharged on 30th April 1919.

Finally, there was another Deeble that served in the war. Miss Frances Deeble served with the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps. (WAAC) Formed in July 1917, the WAAC was organised into four



The grave of James Llewellyn Davies VC.

units: cookery, mechanical, clerical and miscellaneous. The War Office had stated that any job given to a member of WAAC, had to result in a man being released for frontline duties.

On the Western Front, the month of July 1917 was taken up with preparations for an offensive in Flanders. Following the somewhat limited success of laying a significant number of mines under the German lines, preceding the 'Big Push' at Messines, it was decided to repeat the tactic at a place called Passchendaele.

Once again, within the ranks of the Royal Engineers were miners from south Wales, and the North East of England, who were employed in this extremely dangerous task. Many lost their lives in the execution of their duty, as did men from other units.

One such man was Corporal Albert Edward Ironside, attached to the 'O' Cable Section, Royal Engineers, who was killed on 22nd July 1917, whilst laying communication lines, preceding the battle. Albert, a farm labourer from Sunderland, married with one son, also, called Albert Edward, had enlisted in the RE prior to the war.

On 15th August he landed in France with the BEF and throughout the next three years would have been assigned to laying signal communications in various parts of the Western Front. In July 1917, his unit was assigned to laying cables in unsuitable terrain, fearing bombardment from German shelling, amidst the heavy rainfall in the weeks leading up to Passchendaele.

However, the Germans had changed tactics by July 1917. They allowed the enemy to cover an increasing amount of ground in the hope that they would lose momentum. Consequently, forward signal parties would often become involved in fighting.

Such evidence suggests that Corporal Ironside may have, therefore, been entrapped and died fighting. Corporal Albert Edward Ironside is buried in Dozingham Cemetery, North East of Ypres and is the grandfather of Bridgend MP Mrs Madeleine Moon.

Chief Officer Angus Grant, Mercantile Marine was one of two lives lost, when his ship 'Begonia' No 4 was torpedoed and sunk on 27th July, off Fastnet, by German Submarine U46, whilst sailing from Bona to Cork with a cargo of phosphates.

Angus, one of seven children was born on 14th November 1870 in Pencoed where his parents, Donald and Mary, ran the village Post Office. When Angus was 14 years old he joined the Great Western Railway and worked on Pencoed Station, but on 7th June 1886, aged 15 years, he enlisted into the Merchant Service, eventually gaining his Master Mariner Certificate in March 1897 and a Certificate of Competency as an Extra Master Mariner, in June 1897.

At the time of his death Angus had served for 31 years in the Merchant Service. Angus never married and before his death had bought a house in Porthcawl, at 32, Esplanade Avenue. His sister Catherine Pyves (widow) continued to live there after he died.

The British military's decision to mount an offensive in Flanders in July, was taken with the intention of taking the high ground at Passchendaele, pushing through the German 4th Army and then swinging northwards to the Belgian Coast; in an attempt to capture the German occupied ports of Ostend and Zeebrugge. Success



Cpl Albert Edward Ironside.



James LI Davies.



Wil Ifan.

would mean stopping the German U Boats from sinking British merchant ships, carrying essential supplies to our shores.

The offensive began on 31st July 1917 and lasted for four months; amidst heavy rainfall and treacherous mud. During the opening attack on Pilkem Ridge, two local men lost their lives.

Captain Ralph Picton Daniel, 17th Royal Welsh Fusiliers, born 1882, was one of 11 children born to Philip and Naomi Daniel, of Burry Port. In the 1901 Census, Ralph is working in Pembrey, as a cashier for a White Lead Works, yet in 1911 he is recorded as boarding in Artillery working as a storekeeper for a colliery.

Commissioned into the RWF in March 1915, he was posted to France on 6th September 1916. In April 1917, he married Edith Williams in Brighton, who being only 17 years old was too young to be the beneficiary of Ralph's will. At the time of his death his mother, Naomi, who had been born in Tythegston, had moved back to the area following his father Phillip's death in 1899.

Naomi lived at 18, Fenton Place, Porthcawl where Ralph had visited the month before his death. Captain Daniel is buried at Artillery Wood Cemetery, Belgium, and is remembered on Porthcawl War Memorial.

However, the other local man who died on that first day was not a Porthcawlian, yet certainly deserves special mention. Corporal James Llewellyn Davies, 13th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, for 'a conspicuous act of extreme bravery' was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross; the highest award for bravery in the Commonwealth.

Corporal Davies was born at Fronwen, Ogmore Vale on 16th March 1886. A coalminer by trade, he married Elizabeth Richards in 1906 and they had three daughters and one son. On 12th October 1914, James enlisted into the Royal Garrison Artillery, transferring to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers in June 1915.

Private Davies was promoted to the rank of Corporal 11 days before his death and still remains Bridgend county's only recipient of the Victoria Cross.

On that day, along the same trench Ellis Humphreys Evans, pseudonym 'Hedd Wyn', was also killed. His poem 'Yr Arwr', posthumously won him the Chair at the Eisteddfod at Birkenhead in September 1917.

In honour and respect for his memory the Bardic Chair was draped in a black cloth. Yet, very few people realise that it was a local Congregational Minister who won the Bardic Crown that year.

William Evans, Bardic name 'Wil Ifan' won with his poem 'Pwyll Pendefig Dyfed'. In 1925 the Reverend William Evans became the minister at Bridgend Congregational Church, (now the Phoenix Wine Bar) until the late 1950s.

Ceri Joseph.

Band charity night raises thousands for CALM



State of Mind perform at the event

A WELSH property and construction firm has raised over £2,000 to help combat male suicide, the leading cause of death for men aged 20 to 49 across the UK, following the loss of a respected and popular co-worker.

The Jehu Group hosted a fundraising band night at popular Cardiff venue Tramshed in aid of suicide prevention charity Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM), which provides help to men who are down or in crisis, as well as support to those bereaved by suicide.

The family firm has chosen to support the charity as its 'Charity of the Year' after one of its

employees took his own life last year aged just 40.

The group is now calling on members of the public to continue to show their support and help make a difference to the lives of thousands of men and their families across the country by donating to the cause.

A spokesperson said: "Almost 200 people attended the charity band night, which welcomed live music and entertainment from local bands Special Brew, American Mustard and State of Mind, to raise £2,122 in honour of Jehu's former employee, who took his own life last July after suffering a suspected nervous breakdown.

"The popular member of the team had been working with Jehu as a labourer for two years and the group is

now hoping to not only raise awareness of the mental health issues surrounding male suicide, but to make more people aware of the helpline offered by CALM."

Simon Jehu, managing director of development said: "The rate of suicides among men in Wales has soared to its highest ever level, well above the UK average.

"This is something we are passionate about changing, particularly given the loss of one of our colleagues, which makes the issue even closer to our hearts.

"For us, there was no question in supporting CALM as our charity of the year. Our aim is to help raise more awareness about the fantastic work that CALM does to help men across the UK and we urge everyone to

donate and support the charity's very important cause."

Jehu's support of CALM follows the latest suicide registration report from the Office of National statistics, which revealed that of the total number of suicides registered in the UK in 2015, 75 per cent were males, equating to more than 4,600 deaths.

As its charity of the year, Jehu will run a number of fundraising activities throughout the year to raise money for CALM, including The Wales Property Triathlon in September.

Any men across the UK looking for confidential, anonymous and free support and information can contact CALM on their helpline on 0800 58 58 58.

MADELEINE MOON ASKS 'WHAT ARE BRITISH VALUES?'

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon has questioned what people mean by British values at a time when many children from 'disadvantaged backgrounds' are not ready for school at the age of five.

The Bridgend Labour MP said in the Commons that there had been a lot of talk about British values, but she wondered what it meant by that term.

She asked MPs: "Do we mean the bravery of those doctors, nurses, firefighters and police officers who ran to help those being attacked by terrorists?"

"Do we mean those who ran into Grenfell Tower to help people at a time of distress?"

"Do we mean those who have been insulting with a one per cent pay rise, year on year, driving them into poverty?"

"Do we mean those NHS workers who between 2010 and 2016 have lost £4.3 billion in cuts from the NHS staffing budget?"

"Is that who we mean when we talk about British values? Or do we mean the 42 per cent of NHS workers who do unpaid overtime to keep the NHS going?"

"Perhaps we mean the teachers and teaching assistants who have been trying to subsist on that one per cent pay rise."

Ms Moon said we rely on

teachers to teach children British values, to tell them about the need for reflection and decision-making based on the analysis of facts – not personal gratification – and to make judgments based on equality, fairness and opportunity for all.

She added: "Today, disadvantaged children in this country are not ready for school at age five. The gap grows at every stage in life, from play group to university. How can that be part of the British values espoused and promoted by this House?"

The GEM asked the Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns MP, for his take on 'British values'. He said: "There is no rule book on what it means to be British – it would be archaic to suggest otherwise. To be British bears a different definition to each individual in this wonderfully varied country. What we do share, is our pride of British values," which must never be underestimated or discarded.

"British values," said Mr Cairns, are recognised across the globe, and should not be downplayed here at home – most certainly not in Parliament.

"We have a responsibility to encourage our future generations to take pride in their country's history, as well as all that it continues to achieve."

He added that British values

are not something that should be imposed on a young person by a government department or through a council initiative, but rather they should be one of the key building blocks of raising and nurturing a child, both in the family home and the surrounding community.

In 2014, the Department for Education described the "basic British values" as democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs.

He went on: "Only last week I met with the Royal British Legion at the South Wales Armed Forces Day, and my heart swelled with pride as we spoke of our nation's great history."

"I also spoke with Armed Forces personnel who continue to serve Britain so heroically, and found myself astounded by their bravery and dedication to their country. Let us be proud of them, of our emergency services, of our doctors, nurses, teachers, rubbish collectors, and all who contribute to every day of life in Great Britain."

"Most importantly, let us pass this pride down through the generations, and teach our children that British values are something to promote, not minimise."

Report by Michael Prosser

Police issue warning after social media anger about dogs now in RSPCA care

THE RSPCA and the police launched a joint investigation over the weekend after two dogs had to be removed from a property in Daniel Street, Barry.

On Facebook, on Monday morning, the police warned people not to make inflammatory comments on social media regarding the case.

An RSPCA Cymru spokesperson told The GEM that its inspectors had responded to concerned calls regarding dogs "allegedly abandoned in a property in Barry on Saturday, July 1".

The spokesman said: "We attended the scene within hours of this issue being brought to our attention."

"One dog had already been removed from the property, and another was found inside. Both are now in the RSPCA's care and are being closely monitored."

"The RSPCA is now investigating the circumstances behind this incident."

A police spokesman said: "South Wales Police attended a property in Daniel Street,

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Barry, at approximately 6pm on Saturday, to assist the RSPCA with the removal of two dogs who are believed to have been mistreated.

"The dogs concerned were removed from the address and are now in the care of the RSPCA, where they are recovering well. A joint

investigation is under way.

"While that investigation is being conducted, we would ask that people refrain from making derogatory and inflammatory remarks about the matter on social media or approaching those concerned."

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FORMER miner, Gordon Farmer, who lives in the Garw Valley, is well-known for his portraits of Welsh and international personalities.

Over the years he has produced acclaimed drawings of Anthony Hopkins, Ray Gravell, JPR, Stanley Baker, Ruth Jones, Shane Williams, Rob Brydon and Tom Jones.

Gordon turned to 'pencil portraiture' late in life as a means of keeping his mind off the

pain caused by injuries inflicted in an industrial accident.

Nowadays, he produces his work despite the handicap of being blind in his right eye. Despite his handicap, Gordon makes the most of his good eye and bifocal glasses.

This year, he has decided to devote time to dog portraits, sometimes using coloured pencils.

Max Boyce once dubbed Gordon 'The Picasso of the Garw Valley' - no wonder when he can produce work like this.

APPEAL FOLLOWING ASSAULT IN PORTHCAWL

SOUTH Wales Police would like to know the whereabouts of Nathan Long.

A spokesperson said: "Officers would like to speak to the 25-year-old from Bridgend in connection with a serious assault, which occurred in Porthcawl in May."

"Anyone with information that could help officers to locate him should contact 101, quoting reference 1700183351. Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111, using the same reference."



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IT was a great day out when Dogs Trust Bridgend hosted its annual fun day at Pencoed College on Sunday, June 25, raising £10,000 for homeless hounds.

The charity thanks the thousands of supporters who attended the event and donated gifts and raffle prizes for the day. There are plenty of wagging tails at the rehoming centre as the huge sum raised helps the 50 dogs in its care.

Rhiannon Chamberlain of the Dogs Trust said: "Our fun day was a huge success and we couldn't have achieved it without the support from the public who came down and supported us, as well as volunteers, people and organisations from the area who gave up their time and worked so hard on

the day.

"It was fantastic that the weather was on our side and we managed to raise a whopping £10,000, with money still coming in."

Highlights on the day included have-a-go agility, a grand raffle, giant tombola and games for all the family including four-legged friends who competed for their very own rosettes in the popular dog show, with Gus, a hand-reared Staffordshire Bull Terrier puppy from Dogs Trust Bridgend, taking the accolade of Best in Show.

For more information on Dogs Trust Bridgend and its canine companions currently looking for loving homes contact the rehoming centre on 0300 303 0292 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk. The charity is at Court Colman Farm, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend (CF31 4NG).



Dogs Trust's Angela Wetherall and Mayor, Coun Pam Davies, with champion Gus and owners.

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Porthcawl group can look back on 24 years of caring



RECENTLY a garden party was held at Greyholme, the home of Pat and David Parry to raise funds for Crossroads Care Bridgend County which is a registered charity.

Many people attended including Coun Pam Davies, the Mayor of Bridgend County and her consort, as well as Madeleine Moon MP. Over £350 was raised.

The rain held off until about midday when we had to adjourn indoors for the raffle and 100 club draw. This event is held each year, usually in Carers' Week, but this year it was slightly later.

Mrs Moon spoke about how she was involved in the setting up of Crossroads in Porthcawl in 1993 when she was on the town and borough council.

The organisation has grown since then to cover the whole of Bridgend county borough. It offers short respite breaks for carers who care for an adult family member or friend. Our trained care staff look after adults in their own homes to give family and friends a break.

We also run a Saturday club in Bridgend for those with mild dementia and a community café on a Wednesday afternoon in Trinity Church, Porthcawl, which is open to all.

Several years back we also started 'Timesavers', offering cleaning, ironing to complement the caring side.

For more information see our web site www.crossroads.org.uk/bridgend or phone 01656 784100.

PAT PARRY

Will you sing the praises of 'unsung heroes'?

BRIDGEND Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) wants to recognise and honour people and organisations that have made a contribution to their community during the past year, and it wants to hear from you.

Each year, thousands of individuals and groups volunteer across Bridgend County Borough to give their time, energy, skills and commitment to help

others in their community.

BAVO is holding its annual Bridgend Volunteer Achievement Awards 2017 in November at the Heronston Hotel in Bridgend, which will provide an opportunity to recognise and thank volunteers in the county borough.

There are eight categories, including awards for charity shop of the year, befriending and mentoring, volunteers aged under and over 25 years, trustee of the year, volunteer project of the year, sports volunteer

and outstanding volunteer contribution.

The deadline for nominations is 12 noon on Tuesday, August 1.

For nomination forms, visit the volunteering section of www.bavo.org.uk or call BAVO on 01656 660372.

Questions from the Bridgend Quiz League

THIS week's teasers from Bridgend Quiz League are:

1. In which Welsh town is there a bronze statue of Tommy Cooper?
2. What distance learning establishment was inaugurated in 1969?
3. On which Mediterranean island is the Green Line boundary?

Answers:
1. The Open University.
2. Cyprus.
3. Crete.

Kelly's Wish concert
A FUNDRAISING concert will be held at Maesteg Town Hall on Saturday, July 8 at 7pm, with doors opening at 6.30pm, to raise funds for the Kelly Maybury appeal, to receive treatment for her condition.

Maesteg Male Voice choir has organised the event and has invited Brecon Male Voice Choir to help raise funds and awareness of this important appeal. The soloist for the evening will be Rhian Hughes from Maesteg and the compere is Coun Ross Penhale-Thomas.

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The Americans are coming... to Poems and Pints!



Porthcawl's Poems and Pints group.

PORTHCAWL'S Poems and Pints group will be welcoming the Californian poet, Carol Ciliberti-Smith, at their July meeting at the Lorelei Hotel, Esplanade Avenue, Porthcawl.

Carol struck up a friendship with group member Jim Bartlett online while both were contributing to the poetry site FanStory.com.

The two are in the process of compiling a collection of poems covering part of the First Century.

This was when the occupying Roman forces conducted a pogrom against the Druids of Ynys Mon (Anglesey), and the British queen, Boudicca was

defeated at the Battle of Watling Street.

The poems tell of an illicit love affair between a Roman legionary and a Celtic girl after both are left for dead on the Watling Street battlefield.

Jim's poems are written mainly from the point of view of the legionary, Sylvanus, and Carol's from the girl, Angharad.

Carol is very interested in Welsh myths and legends, and has written a number of poems in English using Welsh forms such as Awl Gwydd. She is visiting the UK with her husband, Philip, and together with Jim, will be travelling around Wales and Anglesey, visiting some of the locations where their story is set.

The theme for the evening will be celebrating Wales, some

poems in Welsh, some translations, and poems in English by Welsh poets.

John will be bringing his guitar, Wes his lyrics and Jim may perform a sea shanty.

The challenge for the evening, set and judged by Pat Forster who won last month's challenge, will be to write a poem using the word 'cwch' and the prize will be a bottle of wine.

Join us in the back room at the Lorelei with your favourite poems, your own poems or just listen and be entertained. It's all free (except the drinks) on Tuesday, July 18 at 7.30pm. For further information, visit <https://jamesbartlett1664.wixsite.com/poemspints>.

DOMINIQUE SPEAREY

Moon pledge at Carers' Week

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon attended a Carers' Week 'speed networking' event with carers and charities in Westminster, pledging her support to carers locally.

The event was in support of Carers' Week in early June, which 'celebrates' and recognises the contribution made by family and friends to caring for friends and family.

The Labour MP said that she would meet with carers locally and local service providers to find out about the challenges faced by carers. Encouraging

organisations, services and employers in her constituency to become more 'carer friendly' and raise the profile of caring and speaking up for carers in Parliament.

Mrs Moon said that she was proud to represent constituents at the Carers' Week event, and pledged to support carers in Bridgend constituency throughout this Parliament.

"In the Bridgend constituency last week I was delighted to attend the Bridgend Crossroads coffee morning arranged for Carers' Week. There were stalls of bric-a-brac, books, plants and cakes and also a raffle. A great success with a total of £352 raised for Bridgend Crossroads."

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New president at Bridgend Lions



The new president of Bridgend Lions, Patrick Halliwell (left) and the outgoing president, John Paton.

THE new president of Bridgend Lions, Patrick Halliwell of Pencoed had his inauguration held in the Caeffatri Inn last week.

Immediate past president John Paton accepted the past president's tankard in recognition of his service to the club, which included presentations of cheques in excess of £17,000 to various causes in the borough during 2016/2017. A roaring success.

A convivial evening was enjoyed by all club members in attendance who passed on their best wishes to Patrick and his wife Biddy for a successful year 2017/2018.

Thanks to Dave Newton for organising the light entertainment after the formalities

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£1m to be spent on road resurfacing in the Vale



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THE Vale Council is to bring forward £500,000 of spending to undertake additional much-needed highway maintenance.

If new spending plans to be considered next week are approved, this would bring the total due to be spent on resurfacing in 2017/18 to at least £1m.

Coun John Thomas, Leader of the council, said: "There is clearly a greater need for resurfacing roads and pavements throughout the Vale than was allowed for in the spending programme previously agreed. This is why I have established this new road resurfacing fund."

"This is an area of the council's work that we know to be one of residents' top priorities, and so in addition to bringing funding forward, I am commissioning a review of future funding arrangements for highway repairs."

"In the report to cabinet, I will also be indicating my intention to set an additional £500,000 aside to continue the successful Big Fill initiative into 2018/19."

Coun Geoff Cox, cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said: "This acceleration of planned resurfacing and further consideration of plans is greatly needed and with the current backlog of repairs in the Vale, it was imperative that this council acted quickly."

"The additional money will be spent wisely throughout the Vale. The highways team will be using objective criteria to assess the roads most in need of repair and so ensure that the areas that most need this investment will be those that benefit."

"I will be presenting an updated three-year highway maintenance plan to cabinet this summer setting out an order of priority for the enhanced resurfacing programme."

Additional monies have also been made available for Dinas Powys to Cardiff bus priority measures and the Harbour Road car park cycleway at Barry Island.

The maintenance scheme was one of a number of changes proposed in the Council's capital spending programme from 2017/18 considered at a meeting on July 3.



The winning team, Bob's Mob, with their prizes.

Penarth quiz raises cash for Cancer Research UK

PENARTH Committee for Cancer Research UK held a successful quiz on July 1, when 11 teams taxed their brains on subjects ranging from 'Quote or Misquote', 'The Johnny Morris Round' to 'Childs Play'.

It was quite a close contest, but the victorious team at the end of the evening was Bob's Mob, who were presented with a tube of Smarties each – as well as six bottles of wine to share.

A lovely selection of prizes encouraged supporters to invest in raffle tickets and there was also a 'clock in a box' fundraiser which will be running until August. An old fashioned alarm clock was wound up at the event and was then sealed in a box.

Periods of one minute

are available for purchase at £1 each and when the box is unsealed at a Cancer Research Garden Party in August, the person who has chosen the exact (or nearest) time the clock has stopped will win £100. Minutes are available to purchase from committee members or from the Cancer Research Shop on Stanwell Road in Penarth and will also be available on the Esplanade on the afternoon of Carnival

Day, July 15.

The evening raised £388 towards research into cancer. Thanks to everyone who supported the event and to the quiz compiler and question master, Alan Roberts, and his wife Liz, who kept score.

Many thanks to Ann Austin who came along and sold raffle tickets and last, but not least, a big thank you to the Penarth Conservative Club for the use of the Prince William Suite.

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Awareness of scams

SCAMS can be a big issue for the elderly online, by telephone or unwanted callers. Have you been the victim of a scam and want help reporting it?

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Welsh voices recalled from Passchendaele

THE Friends of St Augustine's Church, Penarth, are delighted to be welcoming Dr Jonathan Hicks back to give another talk on

World War One.

His talk, entitled 'Welsh Voices from Passchendaele' is timely, as it 100 years since the outbreak of what Dr Hicks refers to as 'the most horrific of battles'.

The word 'Passchendaele' has become a byword for the death and suffering of the Great War. A remorseless slog by Allied soldiers up towards the village itself, through mud, rain, cold, and dead bodies.

By the time the fighting in this sector paused on November 10, 1917, hundreds of thousands of men on both sides had been killed or wounded.

The landscape was scarred and desolate, and the men who fought there and survived would never forget the experience.

Dr Jonathan Hicks is the author of a new book *The Welsh at Passchendaele*, which brings together the personal experiences, poignant stories, vivid accounts and photographs of soldiers who fought at the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917 in the battalions of the Welsh regiments and their supporting detachments, as well as those men of Welsh origin who served in other regiments.

Dr Hicks will explore some of these stories in this illustrated talk and signed copies of his book will also be available.

The talk will be held on Saturday, July 8 at 6pm in the Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth. Tickets are £5 (£4 for Friends of St Augustine's) and can be bought from Griffins Books or by calling 02920 707828. This event is part of the Penarth Book Festival.

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Time for the Vale Photographic Club to look ahead

ALTHOUGH June marks the end of the annual meeting programme for Vale Photographic Club, members can look ahead to our summer photo challenge programme consisting of weekly topics to be interpreted photographically.

The club's website provides a key role in receiving members' digital entries, displaying them to all members and offers a fun voting facility.

Possibly by way of preparation, the meeting in the last week of the month was a practical evening entitled 'Duel of the Lenses,' in which members had a chance to experiment with how lenses of various focal lengths recorded a selection of set subjects.

They have now perfected such sessions to allow taking the

pictures on the night, loading them onto computer and projecting for collective viewing and discussion.

During the month, this year's annual cycle race was covered, which starts and ends in Cowbridge and which provided several members with a different photographic opportunity on our doorstep.

The meetings were also put to good use as members practised designing a 'road-show' in which images were displayed of favourite subject matter entitled 'Why we do what we do' and will be taken to sister clubs in the future.

June is also an important month for the club to consider its forthcoming programme at the AGM. As well as reports about the past year from officers, a new committee of both experienced and new members was elected.

For further information about the club, visit the website at <http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk> or simply turn up to a club evening, every Friday from September to June at 7.15pm in Ystradowen Village Hall.

News from Penarth Aviation Society



Penarth Aviation Society at Carew-Cheriton. All photos courtesy of David Ephraim.

ON June 15 a group from Penarth Aviation Society paid a visit to two museums in the Pembroke Dock area.

Our first port of call was to the Sunderland Trust, located in the Pembroke Dock Heritage Centre. Here we were told all about the history of Pembroke Dock and its importance in the Battle of the Atlantic.

We were able to see various artefacts recovered from Sunderland Flying Boat No T9044 which sank in 1940. The trust volunteers were able to answer all our questions about the Sunderland and the recovery operations, which are ongoing. A very interesting morning in a superb setting.

Following lunch we then moved to the Carew-Cheriton Airfield and its control tower.

This too is manned by a dedicated group of enthusiastic volunteers who have re-created the atmosphere of a World War Two airbase. Not only does the site have a wealth of exhibits concerned with past conflicts, it also takes a valuable role in educating the current generation of school children about this era of our history.

The volunteers have a huge range of personal experience from the era and give profound, personal accounts.

We laid a memorial cross to the airmen from the base who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, and then visited the control tower itself.

Altogether a most moving experience.

This coming Friday, July 7, the Penarth Aviation Society will be meeting at the Penarth Conservative Club at 7.45pm for 8pm when the speaker will be society member David Ephraim, who will be talking on the history of surveillance and espionage.

All through the ages man has needed to be aware of any activities by other people or groups of people; this may be just inquisitiveness or for darker purposes.

The military, for example, need such information to plan the oncoming battle; they could also find out information about the enemy numbers and developments. The talk will look at the evolution of the dark art of spying and information gathering and show how we are all subject to its beady little eyes!

Why not join the society? We meet on the first Friday of the month at the Penarth Conservative Club. Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend a meeting to sample our hospitality.

Further information may be found on our website www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk; Facebook page, www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk, and from our secretary Barrie Howell on (029) 21322385.



Penarth Aviation Society in a recreation of Sunderland cabin.

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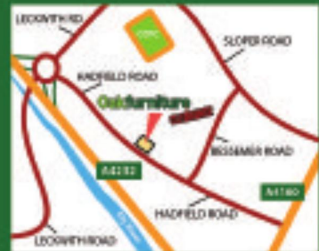
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Has Vale Council any wiggle room on LDP?

LAST week as The GEM was going to press, the Vale Council said it would be passing the Local Development Plan (LDP), but would do everything in its power to oppose the figure of 10,000 houses.

It said it was 'legally obliged' to give the LDP the green light because a Welsh planning inspector had declared it 'sound'.

Cabinet member for regeneration and planning Coun Jonathan Bird said: "We have made it clear in recent years that a target of 10,000 homes is too many, and we remain

absolutely committed to opposing inappropriate development in the Vale.

"We will continue to press for reduced housing targets. But it is my belief that having an LDP in place will better enable us to protect our green spaces from applications to develop. This is a battle that we will continue to fight."

The council argues that more recent data indicate the Vale doesn't need a total of 10,000 houses.

But is this a battle the council can win?

On June 27, Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs at the Welsh Government, wrote to Coun Bird, and her letter was read out at the full

council meeting.

In it, she insists the plan can't be changed, and the Inspector's report is 'binding'.

"I note your request of 23 June seeking my agreement to extend the time period for the adoption of the ...LDP by the council beyond the statutory eight-week time period specified in the Regulations. The reasons you give me are that the Leader, Coun John Thomas has expressed concern regarding housing supply figures in the LDP and their basis in historic population projections for the Vale."

"These are matters that have already been thoroughly considered as part of the independent

examination of the LDP. The Inspector's Report received by the Council (25 May) is binding. The Local Planning Authority may not question the Inspector's conclusions. The Local

Planning Authority cannot therefore raise any further matters after receipt of the Inspector's Report."

She then explained she would decline a Vale request to extend the

period in which the LDP had to be adopted.

It remains to be seen what possible avenue the new Vale administration can use to challenge the housing supply figure.

'Tombstoners' liable to fines or death warns council

VISITORS to Rhooose Point are being warned that they risk fines of up to £500, serious injury and possibly even death if they jump off ledges into the water of the old quarry below.

With the arrival of warm weather, groups of young people have been gathering at the quarry and engaging in tombstoning – leaping into water from a significant height.

The Vale Council points out that people have died, been paralysed, sustained shattered bones and suffered other life-changing injuries as a result of this activity.

One local man remains paralysed after breaking his back during a tombstoning incident at Rhooose Point just a few years ago and there have been a number of deaths at Cosmeston Lakes, another former quarry.

Among the dangers are rocks protruding from the uneven walls of the quarry, hazards

beneath the water surface, including machinery from the site's industrial past, and very cold water which can cause people to go into shock.

Miles Punter, Vale Council director of environment and housing services, said: "We are particularly keen to encourage the parents of the young people involved to keep their children safe by ensuring they instead use Vale beaches where there is lifeguard cover."

"Swimming and jumping into former quarry areas is recognised by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) as being inherently dangerous with many young people losing their lives in the UK over recent years. We are attempting to take action before somebody is either killed or seriously injured."

Police officers will be increasing patrols of the area, while the Vale Council has drafted in extra security staff to ensure the safety of visitors.

PS Mark John said:

"Tombstoning is extremely dangerous. The byelaws in place at the Rhooose Point quarry are there for a reason, and we will be working with our colleagues throughout the summer to ensure they are abided by."

"Alongside our partners we will also be clamping down on anti-social behaviour in the area."

Fences have been erected in an effort to prevent people from reaching elevated ledges of the quarry, though the council stresses its aim is not to discourage everyone from attending the area."

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St John welcomes 'cardiac arrest plan'

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He said: "We welcome the Welsh Government's plan to increase the number of people surviving a heart attack if it happens outside hospital."

"St John Cymru Wales aims to have a first aider in every home in Wales. We believe that nobody should die because they needed emergency aid and didn't get it. Every year, thousands of people die in situations where first aid could have given them a chance to live."

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STORMY DOWN'S ROLE IN WORLD WAR TWO IS REMEMBERED WITH A FLYPAST



ABOVE: Wreaths were laid at Porthcawl Cemetery for 11 airmen who died during World War Two.

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A MEMORIAL stone at the Cenin Parc Stormy development in Bridgend was unveiled on Sunday, July 2 by the Lord Lieutenant Mrs Kate Thomas CVO with a dedication service held by Rev (Squadron Leader) Colin O'Dell DipHE RAF and The Venerable Air Vice-Marshal Brian Lucas CB BA FRSA Archdeacon Emeritus of the RAF.

Between 1939 and 1946, Parc Stormy was known as RAF Porthcawl and finally RAF Stormy Down. During this period it was an air gunnery school with over 10,000 RAF and Allied airmen being trained at the camp.

The event was attended by veterans, local dignitaries and members of the public and was organised by the RAF together with the Porthcawl Museum and Historical Society, and Cenin Renewables who purchased the development in 2007 and now operate renewable technologies at the site.

Welsh First Minister Carwyn Jones commented that like many other people living in the Bridgend County, he had previous limited knowledge of the history of the camp and was humbled by the stories of the young airman who had trained at the camp – many of whom later made the ultimate sacrifice to give us the freedom we enjoy today.

Also in attendance was Alun Cairns MP, the Welsh Secretary of State.

To mark the occasion, a Hurricane and a Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Flight took part in a flypast over the site, followed by a display of the Red Arrows display team.

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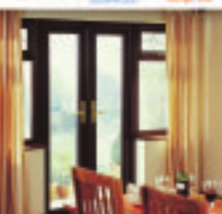


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Residents take part in National Care Day



RESIDENTS from a Cardiff care home and their friends and family enjoyed a fun-filled day as part of National Care Home Open Day last week.

Tŷ Llandaff, an all-inclusive care home which offers nursing, residential and respite care in Conway Road, Pontcanna, joined thousands of other care homes across the country taking part in the UK-wide initiative.

The idea behind National Care Home Open Day is to encourage

local people to visit care homes in the community and work together to build long lasting relationships.

Tŷ Llandaff, a private care home with 70 bedroom suites, opened in January and has the ability to accommodate people for nursing or residential care from the age of 18.

It also offers short-term respite care for individuals looking for a place to recuperate after surgery or illness.

The suggested theme in 2017 for National Care Home Open Day was 'friendship' so Janice

Evans, manager at Tŷ Llandaff, and her team arranged a free day of entertainment, including singer and pianists, and a buffet lunch with refreshments which was open to the local community.

Janice said: "National Care Home Open Day is all about connecting with the local community so we are very proud to have held our first one at Tŷ Llandaff.

"The day also gave us the opportunity to highlight what Tŷ Llandaff do within the Cardiff community. It was fabulous day overall."



South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies showing his support for the Too Young For Arthritis campaign, with representatives from Arthritis Care, the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society and the British Society for Rheumatology.

Davies backs support for young arthritis sufferers

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has given his backing to the Too Young For Arthritis campaign – to provide support for young sufferers of the condition.

There is currently no specialist centre or service for children who have arthritis in Wales – meaning vital support for those affected in the Vale

is unavailable.

At an event in the National Assembly organised by Arthritis Care, the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society and the British Society for Rheumatology – Mr Davies agreed that more must be done, and

backed calls for better provision in South Wales.

Mr Davies said: "Arthritis is seen as a condition that affects older people, but young people can be affected too. Obviously, young sufferers will have their own needs, and as such

age appropriate support must be provided.

"That is clearly lacking here in the Vale at present, and so I am pleased to support the Too Young For Arthritis campaign to improve the services available in South Wales."

FLORAL SOCIETY

'MY Floral Odyssey' is the title of a demonstration at the Barry Floral Society meeting to be given by Delyth Price of Llangadog on Tuesday, July 11 at 2.15pm.

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'Government not doing enough' on hospital waiting times – says AM

UKIP's Shadow Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, Caroline Jones AM, has condemned the latest NHS performance figures showing that over 2,300 people waited more than 12 hours in Welsh Accident and Emergency departments last month.

However, A Welsh Government spokesperson hit back, saying that the UKIP AM was suggesting something that was not the case.

Commenting on the waiting times, Ms Jones said: "Nobody should have to wait more than 12 hours in A&E yet here in Wales, we saw thousands of people do just that."

"Welsh Government are simply not doing enough to get to grips with A&E waiting times."

"We still have over 400 delayed transfers of care, which limits the number of available hospital beds, numbers which were heavily reduced by successive Welsh Labour Governments."

"We are operating a bed occupancy rate of well over 86 per cent, which limits the number of emergency admissions and leads to patients spending half a day waiting in A&E for treatment."

"We spend nearly half the Welsh Block Grant on health, but the Welsh Government can't get the basics right."

"We need to increase the number

of available beds by reopening community hospitals and co-locating primary care centres at A&E in order to relieve the pressure on our Accident and Emergency departments."

"We can't have thousands of people waiting for 12 hours or more for treatment, if we don't get to grips with this now, in the summer months, how much worse will things be in the winter?"

A Welsh Government spokesperson said: "It is important to note that patients are not waiting for 12 hours or more for treatment as UKIP wrongly suggest."

"A patient's length of stay in an Emergency Department is recorded from arrival until admission to a bed or discharge following treatment."

"Despite an increase in the number of people attending Emergency Departments, latest figures show the best four-hour performance since August last year."

"While there has also been a reduction in the number of people spending over 12 hours in Emergency Departments, we have been clear with all Health Boards that we expect this improvement to continue."

The British Armed Forces 'offer little to our allies,' CLAIMS MADELEINE MOON

THE UK's armed forces are being "bled dry" because the Government is not spending enough on defence, says Madeleine Moon.

The Labour MP for Bridgend, who joined the Commons Defence Select Committee in 2009, said in the Commons that British values "used to be espoused by the country's pride in its armed forces and their capacity to provide security around the globe".

She said the armed forces have been "hollowed out", accusing the Conservatives of "massive underfunding" of the military.

Mrs Moon told MPs: "We fudge our two per cent commitment to NATO by including in it pensions, GCHQ funding and even overseas broadcasting."

"The gap in our defence budget is between £10 billion and £20 billion. Our armed forces are being bled dry and our capability to defend this country is diminishing day by day. "We need a rapid



Camp Bastion Memorial Wall is now at the National Memorial Arboretum, near Lichfield, Staffordshire. Photograph by Corporal Daniel Wiepen. MoD/Crown copyright (2014).

review and a new assessment of the capability of our armed forces and of how we intend to fund them and keep our place in NATO."

"Our place there used to be critical and highly respected, but now, sadly, it is viewed as offering little to our allies."

Mrs Moon claimed that the previous day, Americans attending a military conference in London had said that our military is "too

small".

"That is to our lasting shame," she said.

Mrs Moon said it has been pointed out that at two per cent, without pensions and all the other "bizarre add-ons" that the Government add to get this country up to the target defence spending figure of two per cent of GDP, the UK is spending £36 billion on defence.

That compares with France spending €56bn (£49bn) and Germany, when it gets to two per

cent, spending €70bn (£61bn). German spending on defence in 2017 will be €37bn (£32bn).

According to data from the World Bank, this equates to 2.1 and 1.2 per cent respectively of GDP.

She asked MPs: "How can we hold our heads up high and say that we can defend ourselves with sums like that?"

Replying to a Freedom of Information request from 2015, the

Ministry of Defence (MoD) reported that the total audited cost of operations in Iraq since 2003 and Afghanistan since 2001 to 2013-14 was some £8.1bn and £21.3bn respectively.

The GEM approached the MoD for a response to Mrs Moon's comments.

Mark Lancaster TD MP, Minister for the Armed Forces, said: "This Conservative government is increasing defence spending by 0.5% ahead of inflation every year of the new parliament to give our Armed Forces what they need to keep Britain safe."

"Last year we spent £870m of our rising defence budget with Welsh businesses helping to build a stronger economy and supporting more than 5,000 jobs."

Mr Lancaster, who is also a lieutenant colonel in the Reserves with the Royal Engineers, continued: "While we are backing our Armed Forces, the Labour Party leader wants to scrap Trident, abolish the Army, and wouldn't commit to targeting Daesh terrorists."

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Much loved, but rotten, trees are felled in Barry

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RESIDENTS living at the top of Buttrills Road, Barry, were disappointed to see two trees that have been in the area for decades being felled.

A local resident told THE GEM: "It's a disgrace. These trees have been around for 70 years, but all of a sudden, they have been hacked down. The conker tree still flowers every year."

The landowner explained that the trees were rotten and the council had given permission for them to be removed.

The trees stood to the right of the Premier Store.



BELOW: The tree trunk, showing the damage done by rot.



LOCAL MENTOR 'CROSSES THE MYTHICAL LEARNING BRIDGE'

A WELSH learner, the author of a book entitled *A Welsh Dawn*, has been nominated for an award at the Vale Adult Learner Ceremony.

Gareth Thomas, who started learning Welsh aged 50 while living in England, published a novel which is in English, but features Welsh.

For the past three years, Gareth has met fortnightly with fellow Welsh learner, Stewart Ward, as part of a mentoring scheme organised by Learn Welsh The Vale, which matches fluent Welsh speakers with learners on lower levels.

The pair meet in the Waitrose café in Barry where they chat in Welsh about everyday subjects.

They also occasionally exchange emails, especially over the holidays when they



Gareth Thomas, one of the mentors.

cannot meet.

Gareth was nominated by Suzanne Condon, a tutor at Learn Welsh The Vale.

Suzanne explained: "Learning a language is like learning a musical instrument – the more you practise, the easier it gets. Having opportunities to use Welsh outside the

classroom is so important, and I can see the difference Gareth's time has made to Stewart's progress."

Gareth, who also gives talks to Welsh classes about his interest in Iolo Morganwg, added: "When it comes to mentoring fellow Welsh learners, the trick is to keep to the

language – cadw at yr iaith – and not switch back to English. This ensures the relationship develops in Welsh."

Learn Welsh The Vale is always looking for new mentors to support its Welsh learners.

Suzanne says: "With mentoring, we're not looking for people with teaching experience. It's important not to teach but to chat about all sorts of everyday subjects."

"Mentors and their mentees can meet regularly for several weeks, months, or for longer periods."

"One of our Cardiff mentors, Eirlys Davies, has been mentoring Ann Simons from Barry for several years. The pair are now firm friends and enjoy attending Welsh language events and activities together."

"The mentoring scheme is a great way for people to share their skills. It's important to share dialects and local sayings, so that Welsh becomes a language of the community and not just the classroom."

"It's wonderful when experienced learners such as Gareth, who've crossed the 'mythical learning bridge', reach back to help others."

If you would like to share your Welsh, or learn, contact Learn Welsh The Vale on 01446 730402.

Readers that would like a copy of the new *Welsh prospectus* should visit a local library or learning centre.

What's on, and where?

Cowbridge Choral Society

THE society will hold their summer concert this Saturday (July 8) in the village hall at Llandow.

There will be a varied programme, with performances by several special guests. The concert starts at 7.30pm, with the money raised being split between the parish funds and the choir.

St Hilary fete

THE St Hilary village fete will take place on Saturday, July 15 from 12pm to 4pm.

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Alun Cairns with representatives from Woody's Lodge.

Vale was represented at South Wales Armed Forces Day

WELSH armed forces personnel and related charities gathered for South Wales Armed Forces Day, to commemorate all those who have served in the British Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy.

The commemoration, which took place in Caerphilly, saw hundreds of people present for the General Salute and laying of the wreaths, including Woody's Lodge from the Vale.

Woody's Lodge, situated on Hayes Road, Sully, is a charity organisation which provides support for veterans in the Vale of all ages, whether it be offering guidance in job seeking, organising social events with other service users, or help to find a home. Veterans seeking support or volunteers looking to help can contact Woody's

Lodge on 01446 730777.

Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton, OC 372 (Barry Squadron), who is known locally for his work in securing new facilities for Barry Air Cadets, also received recognition by way of an honour.

Attending the commemoration was Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "South Wales Armed Forces Day was a commemoration like no other, to remember those who have gallantly served our country in conflict."

"It was an honour to attend and meet armed forces personnel and charities from across south Wales, including the Vale's very own Woody's Lodge. To speak with such dedicated individuals who devote so much of their lives to protecting our country was truly humbling and I am eager to do all that I can to help our local charities that provide the sort of support demonstrated by Woody's Lodge for veterans."



Alun Cairns with Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton.

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The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004 (Regulation 16)

The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended) (Regulation 25)

Notice of Adoption of a Local Development Plan

Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2011 - 2026

The Vale of Glamorgan Council under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 is required to produce a Local Development Plan. On the **28th June 2017** the Council adopted a Local Development Plan (LDP) for the Vale of Glamorgan. The adopted LDP forms the development plan for the Vale of Glamorgan and will be the basis for decisions on land use planning in this area.

Copies of the adopted LDP, the recommendations of the person appointed to hold the independent examination, the Sustainability Appraisal report (incorporating the Environmental Report) and the Adoption Statement indicating how the environmental report etc. has been taken into account are available for public inspection free of charge at the Council's Dock Office in Barry (CF63 4RT) during normal opening hours and at the following locations during normal opening hours:

• Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Office, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU

• Vale of Glamorgan Council, Alps Depot, Quarry Road, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA

• All Vale of Glamorgan public libraries

Copies of the above documents are also available to view and download on the Council's website at: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/LDP

The LDP became operative on its adoption (i.e. 28th June 2017).

A person aggrieved by the LDP who desires to question its validity on the ground that it is not within the powers conferred by Part 6 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 or that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the adoption of the LDP, may, within six weeks from 28th June 2017, make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the 2004 Act.

Further information is available on the Council's website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/LDP or by contacting the LDP Team by email on LDP@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or by phone on 01446 700111.

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Friends and Neighbours enjoy Wells trip

FRIENDS and Neighbours Senior Citizen Group had a lovely day out in Wells: despite the rain it was not to be spoilt and they enjoyed looking around the many tasteful shops and taking in some refreshments from the many cafes, tea rooms and public houses.

Many of the members took the opportunity of visiting the cathedral which is described as "the most poetic of the English cathedrals, set in medieval England's smallest city, built between the 12th and 15th century of Gothic style".

The cathedral has one of the largest collections of stained glass in the

country, most famous being the Jesse Window.

Some members visited the church of St Cuthbert's (sometimes confused with the cathedral due to its size and height).

While visiting the cathedral, some visited the Bishop's Palace, built in 14th century; home to bishops of Wells and Bath for some 800 years surrounded by some 14 acres of picturesque gardens, adjacent to the cathedral.

Having a memorable day they chatted away to each other as they returned. Members are now looking forward to the 10th anniversary party at Beryl Road in July.

As there is a waiting list of members to join, no further names are being taken.

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Out & About with The GEM

Wright's Baby Driver is all kinds of cool!

It was all going so well. Having helmed his 'Cornetto' trilogy with friends Simon Pegg and Nick Frost, and having branched out with the superb *Scott Pilgrim vs The*

World, it seemed director Edgar Wright was set to make the step up in blockbuster land with *Ant-Man*.

Then came the dreaded creative differences; Peyton Reed went on to direct the Marvel film, and

Wright was left hanging in the wind – or so you would think.

Instead of joining the Marvel brigade, Wright put into production a film about a getaway driver, leaning heavily on classics like *The Getaway* and *Bullitt* – and the fruits of Wright's labours are now in cinemas.

The film tells the story of Baby (Ansel Elgort), a renowned getaway driver who uses headphones and music to drown out the noise of the car after an accident he had when he was younger.

When he meets Deborah (Lily James), he sees a way out of his life of criminality, but his boss, Doc (Kevin Spacey), has other ideas, and soon Baby finds himself caught up in the wrong heist at the wrong time...

Edgar Wright has developed a reputation as a keenly visual director, one whose impressive energy results in cleverly comedic films.

While *Baby Driver* has its moments of comedy, this is something of a change of pace for Wright, as it is the fact that he wrote this alone, having previously co-written with Simon Pegg amongst others.

It's a change that pays dividends however, as *Baby Driver* is one of the slickest, coolest and most engaging films of the year so far, a film that doesn't just resort to the action being the star, with a superb cast delivering wonderfully-judged turns.

Wright's influences for this particular film lean to the gritty, fast-paced car chase films of the 1970s, and much like those films, Wright realises that there's no point having slickly-shot car chases if there isn't the story and characters to back it up.

So while the car



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chases (and the film itself) are executed with Wright's signature visual flourishes, the film zinging with an effortlessly cool energy, below the bonnet there is a neat take on the staples of this genre.

While the characters themselves aren't reinventing the wheel, cut from genre cloth, Wright's writing brings them to life vividly.

So while *Baby* is the perennial 'one-last-job-then-going-straight' character, we learn how he found himself snared in Doc's clutches (via Spacey delivering a single monologue, one of many examples of efficient storytelling littered in this film) and about how his hearing impairment came about.

Brought to life exceptionally well by Ansel Elgort, Baby grows up as the film goes on, his moral conscience setting him apart from the world he works in and Elgort is charming while also showing vulnerability.

Lily James' Debora is also engaging, even if she feels somewhat on the periphery of the story, but her little quirks are executed with aplomb by James, while Kevin Spacey, Jon Hamm, Jamie Foxx and Eiza Gonzalez give their criminals neat little

touches and edges that Wright encourages.

The script is rooted in drama, yet Wright's comedic touch is there at times – there's the Michael Myers/Mike Myers gag that has been over 25 years in the making, while there are some zinger lines that feel influenced by Tarantino.

However, Wright doesn't shy away from the more overtly serious moments, the death of Baby's mother and Baby's caring of his foster father (a wonderful CJ Jones) coming to the fore and constantly idling in the background.

The way Wright has edited the film to music makes it feel a little like a musical in places, a clever touch that is both playful and stylised, yet also helps shift the tone away from clichéd criminal car caper and offers something frothier, while not undercutting the dramatic aspect of the storytelling.

It's a sublime, tour-de-force from Wright, who has shifted up a gear here from his previous work. It's less visually stuffed than his previous films, but it works far better for it, and makes *Baby Driver* an incredibly satisfying, and unquestionably cool, piece of filmmaking.

VERDICT: Quite possibly Edgar Wright's best outing as director yet, *Baby Driver* is a superb and wonderful piece of filmmaking. Showing he has the scriptwriting ability to match his directing ability, this is a tour-de-force for Wright, backed up by a raft of good performances, most notably from the engaging Ansel Elgort – this film is all kinds of cool brilliance!

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Hot Fuzz* (2007), *The Getaway* (1972).

Penarth LitFest offers a packed weekend

PENARTH Literature Festival kicks off on July 7, with a weekend of authors' talks and literature-related events in prospect.

Festival sponsor Mel Griffin, of Griffin Books in Penarth, said: "It's not too late to buy tickets for this year's LitFest, and we're delighted with the quality and range of events we have in store for the book lovers of Penarth and the surrounding area."

Over 400 local school children will be attending events with bestselling author Jonathan Meres at the Paget Rooms tomorrow (Friday). There are also events aimed at under-5s and 5-to-9 year olds taking place on Saturday, July 8.

Fiction events include a trio of crime writers on the Friday evening, bestselling romantic novelist Veronica Henry on the Saturday afternoon, and Barry-based author Miranda Emmerson discussing her 1960s theatreland-set mystery on the Sunday afternoon.

A creative writing workshop is on offer on Sunday morning, while Sunday evening sees an evening of poetry and music, including top UK poet Michael Laskey, founder of the Aldeburgh Poetry Festival.

The festival also welcomes actor Johnny Tudor discussing his biography of Welsh singer Dorothy Squires, former Welsh education minister Huw Lewis on growing up in Aberfan post-disaster, and local historian Dr Jonathan Hicks talking about the Welsh at Passchendaele, in this centenary year.

The weekend's activities conclude with broadcaster and classicist Natalie Haynes talking about her novelisation of the Oedipus and Antigone myths on the afternoon of Monday July 10.

For full programme information and to book tickets for all events, go to www.griffinbooks.co.uk or contact Griffin Books on 02920 706455.



Author Veronica Henry.

WHAT'S ON - NEWS IN BRIEF
Sea Sunday
A CELEBRATION of Sea Sunday is so appropriate for the former St Lawrence Church at Fort Road, Lavernock!

Join the congregation on July 9 for a service reflecting feelings about the sea with hymns, scripture readings, poetry and a few words from the pulpit.

Hot and cold drinks will be available after the service. Parking is free on the left of Fort Road just before the church. Further information from Rev Margaret Stark on 029 20 701303.

AM surgery
VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on July 8 from 10-11am at Barry Citizens Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street. No appointment necessary.

Family fun day
MOUNT Pleasant Baptist Church are holding their ninth family fun day on July 8 at 12pm to 4pm in Victoria Park, Cadoston, Barry. Fun and games for the whole family.

Toy and train sale returns to Penarth

THE Cardiff Toy and Train Sale takes place on Saturday, July 8 from 10.30am to 3pm in Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan, Cardiff, CF64 2NS.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Tuesday, July 11 from 10am to 12 noon at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Choral Society concert

ON Saturday, July 15 the choir will present 'A Night at the West

End' led by conductor Angharad Edwards and accompanist Sheila Miles.

Joining them will be guest soloists Rhiannon Evans, soprano; Christopher Fossey, pianist along with instrumentalists. Strawberries and cream available in the interval.

The concert is in All Saints' Church, Porthcawl at 7pm. Tickets £6 available from choir members or at the door.

BICYCLE RIDERS 'FLAUNT THE LAW'

AS a pedestrian and car owner and driver, I am getting increasingly annoyed with the attitude and, frankly, flaunting of the law by bicycle riders.

It comes to a situation of deep grievance when on a sunny Sunday afternoon, one has to put up with the abuse and foul language from bike riders when out with my children.

On the footpath between Barry and Sully (Moors Road), I was being told by two bike owners that I had to get onto the dangerous road for them to pass, placing the lives of my children at risk. That I refused to do, as we had the right of way, and should dismount and allow us to pass. Not for the first time, they gave me abuse, using words young children should not hear. Disgusting.

When out driving, the attitudes of bike riders are beyond belief. Why, as a motor tax payer who pays for the roads, do I have to witness bikes being ridden on the road between Barry and Wenvoe (Port Road), when they have been afforded a raised bicycle path and do not use it?

They still block traffic and when they leave the route I have paid for from my taxes unused, I am appalled at the waste of money.

Why do push bike riders make no contribution to the roads of our country? They pay no specific tax towards them. I have seen some pretty terrible things recently; parents riding on dangerous country roads with babies strapped to their backs and without headgear, sometimes being followed on bikes by other children.

It is unacceptable that cyclists ride three and sometimes four abreast down the A48, and make no attempt to keep to the rules of the Highway Code. Cyclists are an obstruction on the highway, and should be prosecuted as such.

They can be very obstructive on trains also, not moving their bikes when people want to depart and enter the doorways on packed trains.

Bicycles should be banned from main arterial roads and very narrow country roads. Bicycle riders should take a highway roads test, wear a helmet at all times, and also pay road tax.

Karl-James Langford, Liberal Party Parliamentary spokesperson, Barry.

Readers' Letters

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- Letters and e-mails MUST include your FULL address and a contact telephone number.

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‘Celebrate and support our regional airports’

IT may have been advertised as the Swansea Airshow, but the Vale has been blessed this weekend with an aerial display of which other regions of Britain could rightly be jealous.

With this has also come considerable trade for those businesses involved in their parking and handling.

The county has a proud aviation heritage that goes back to the very dawn of manned flight; and many of us have made our homes here due to the aviation industry that once thrived in the county,

that brought with it well paid and interesting careers.

The Vale is blessed with not one, but two sizeable runways, both of which support not just jobs but the local infrastructure, attracting visitors and travellers to our county.

Both St Athan and Cardiff Airport need to be seen as the jewels

that they are in the county's crown, and all support possible offered to the businesses there.

Many parts of Britain are losing their regional airports, and thus the benefits to other industries that they bring. We should celebrate ours, for all they are worth, and not only for the plane spotters among us.

Ade Pitman, Barry.

Let's all look after Cemetery Approach

IREFER to the letter in The GEM last week from **Dennis Harkus** who appears to be pleased with Cemetery Approach in Barry.

Yes, Mr Harkus, it has taken a long time, but as the cabinet member responsible for the area in the last Labour/Llantwit First coalition, we gave you a commitment that we would work to bring about the new

gardens and not build houses on the site, as was planned by the previous administration prior to 2012.

It was a pleasure to work with Neil Moore, then Leader of the Vale Council and members of Barry Town Council, led by Coun Stuart Egan, in bringing together this project and I hope that all the residents of Barry will look after the area in the future. **Coun Gwyn John, Llantwit Major.**

Further upgrade work for Barry Island viaduct this summer



Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP (centre) with Tracey Young and Samuel Hadley, both of Network Rail.

NETWORK Rail will this summer be delivering a package of work to upgrade Barry Island viaduct.

The work involved will include cleaning the structure, steel work repairs, grit-blast and painting.

Network Rail has guaranteed that most of the work will take place during the day time and early evening, with the exception of minimal activities which need completing when the trains are not running.

Local MP Alun Cairns said: "Network Rail first made me aware of the planned upgrade to the viaduct last year, and I was inevitably concerned for the residents and business owners who may be affected,

especially with a significant part of the work being carried out in the summer months.

"However, I am assured by Network Rail that a scaffold will be erected around the viaduct which will be fully covered during the work to reduce dust. I am also informed that those carrying out the upgrade will also be using a system of acoustic barriers to reduce noise generated by the work.

"I will of course be monitoring the impact of the work, and welcome all residents, business owners and visitors to contact me should they feel these assurances are not being respected."

The site compound will be set up from July 10. This will be located on the overflow car-park adjacent to the viaduct.

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Mayor's Civic Service in Cowbridge is blessed with perfect weather for the day



There has always been an element of pageantry about the Civic service for the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, and this year, on Sunday, July 2, was more of the same.

Fortunately, the weather was perfect for the procession from the town hall to Holy Cross Church, and there was a large turnout of guests and dignitaries, together with local organisations.

At Holy Cross, the service was conducted by Stephen Adams, Team Rector, Holy Cross Church, and by Heather Weddell – Chaplain to the Mayor, Minister of the Cowbridge United Free Church



PHOTOGRAPHS
by MIKE WILCOCK



Vale MP and Welsh Secretary Alun Cairns attended, before leaving for a ceremony at RAF Stormy Down (See page 14).



Rector Stephen Adams and Rev Heather Weddell.



Hafod's year of fundraising helps out two charities



Kaylea with Alan Morgan, managing director, Hafod Housing. She kayaked across three lakes and walked 26 miles.

STAFF from Vale-based housing and care provider Hafod have raised over £4,200 for charity in the past 12 months.

The team supports different charities each year and organised lots of activities including raffles, cake sales, fancy dress days and competitions.

They were delighted to present cheques to their two chosen charities last week.

Health and wellbeing charity, Gofal, benefited from a donation of £2,109.

Carl Arataki, chair of Hafod's staffing committee explained: "We decided we would support a local mental health charity as mental health directly affects so many of our tenants."

"Gofal was chosen as they are local and they provide crucial tenancy support for a number of our tenants both in housing and care."

Richard Bundy, director of business development at Gofal

said: "We would like to thank Hafod for their hard work and dedication this past year in fundraising for Gofal."

"This significant amount will allow us to continue to support the over 2,000 people with mental health problems who benefit from Gofal's services every year. Donations enable us to prevent potential mental health crises and ensure that our frontline services have everything they need to deliver an effective service."

Staff also raised over £2,000 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA). This was championed by Kaylea Dowling, Hafod's community development officer after she lost a close friend to the condition.

Kaylea organised and took part in 'Kayak4MND', a five-day challenge which included kayaking across Lake Bala in north Wales, Lake Windermere in the Lake District and Loch Awe in Scotland. One day two they also completed



Cheque presentation - Richard Bundy and Beth Lowden from Gofal visited Hafod to meet some of the fundraising team.

a 26-mile marathon along the Welsh coastal path.

Lucy Parkinson, an employee of MNDA said: "Thanks to Hafod and especially Kaylea for raising such a fantastic amount."

"Your kind gift will help us to improve care and support for people with MND, their families and carers. It will also help to fund and promote research and to campaign and raise awareness so the

needs of those affected by the disease are addressed by wider society."

Hafod staff will be raising money for the Alzheimer's Society this year.

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Porthcawl Shout Forum calls for new 'e-taxes'

BRITAIN has become a leading internet-based country, with all tiers of government and commerce increasingly directing people to communicate with them via the internet as it decreases costs and increases profits.

Banks are closing high street facilities in favour of internet banking while the total UK e-commerce for retail and services in 2016 exploded to £133 billion, a giant 16 per cent increase.

This 'online' digital revolution is also dramatically changing the society we live in and Porthcawl Shout Forum (PSF) estimates that around 400,000 older people in Wales cannot access or participate in today's internet society.

They have never had any computer tuition or social media training and some are afraid of the internet following the many scam stories relating to older people's innocence.

Yet the Welsh Government resolutely ignores their need to be part of the society they helped to build.

As chair of the older people's group PSF, I am aware of this widely known but rarely acknowledged problem which is segregating and isolating thousands of people.

Being 'old school' they do not complain.

We have taken this problem up with Age Cymru and the Older People's Commissioner, who is aware of the unhelpful effect it has on many key health problems which the Welsh

health boards are working extremely hard to improve: quality of life, independence and loneliness, to name a few of the costly issues.

Growing old is not an easy journey and today's busy people will meet this technology gap when they retire and find their former skills set out-dated.

Unless addressed, the speed of change will bedevil each new generation of older people, and we ask the Welsh Government to consider setting up a permanent computer and social media training initiative that would allow everyone in Wales with internet reception to obtain computer skills.

Action is needed, and if no sponsorship funding is available from the large internet-based companies, then could the government impose a small internet levy on 'mega users' via their servers, similar to the music performing rights fees collected by the likes of PPS and PPL?

A dedicated, well-planned tuition programme would certainly be a win-win situation for young people seeking employment and older people seeking training; it would also be a big tick in the box for foreign companies considering investing in Wales.

Porthcawl Shout Forum would like to enlist your email support for permanent computer training facilities across Wales with a special focus on helping older people to use the internet safely.

Gary Victor
PSF chairman at
g.victor@btinternet.com

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (PORTHKERRY ROAD (PHAN) A PORT ROAD (RHAN)) Y RHWS (CLIFFFORDD WLEDIG 24 AWR) 2017

Ar 30 Mehefin 2017, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adranau 1(1), 2, 2(1), 2(2), 2(3) a 4(2) Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlen isod.

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 10 Gorffennaf 2017, neu ar y dyddiad y codir yr arwyddion angenrheidiol, p'un bynnag yw'r olaf a'i enw fydd Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Porthkerry Road (Rhan) a Port Road (Rhan)) (Cliffordd Wledig) 2017

Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynllun yn dangos yr ardal yr effeithir arni yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Os ydych am gwestiynu dilyswydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw rai o'i ddarpariaethau ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r bwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail nas cydymffurfirwyd ag unrhyw un o'fynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 10 Gorffennaf 2017, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y tiben hwn.

Diwygio Atodlenni Map: AX43, AY43, BA42, BA43, BA44

Rhoi Atodlenni Map Newydd: AW44, AX44, AZ43, AZ44, BB43, BB44

'Gorchymyn Cliffordd' Gwledig 24 Awr Arfaethedig

ATODLEN

Rhan 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson heblaw gyda chyfarwyddwyd neu ganiatâd Cwnstabl yr Heddlu mewn iwniform neu Warden Traffig yn caniatáu i unrhyw gerbyd stopio ar unrhyw adeg ar hyd y briffordd a ddisgrifir yn Rhan 2 yr Atodlen hon.

Rhan 2

Porthkerry Road, Y Rhws

Y lôn gerbydau a'r tir sydd o fewn terfyn priffordd fabwysiedig Porthkerry Road, Y Rhws o'r gyffordd â Murlande Way, Y Rhws tua'r dwyrain a'r gogledd i Gylchfan Tredogan Cross, gan gynnwys adran tua'r gogledd i gylchfan Parc Busnes y Maes Awyr.

Port Road Y Rhws

Y lôn gerbydau a'r tir sydd o fewn terfyn priffordd fabwysiedig y ffordd ddi-ddosbarth y'i gellir yn Port Road o gylchfan Tredogan Cross tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain i'r gyffordd â Ffordd Osgo'r Rhws ar yr A4226 am 3100 metr

Dyddiedig 6 Gorffennaf 2017

Mr. M.E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
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Bro Morgannwg, CF5 6AA



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PORTHKERRY ROAD (PART) AND PORT ROAD (PART))

RHOOSE (24 HOUR RURAL CLEARWAY) ORDER 2017

On the 30th June 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1), 2, 2(1), 2(2), 2(3) and 4(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedule below.

The Order will come into operation on the 10th July 2017, or on the date the necessary signs are in place, whichever is the later and shall be known as the Vale of Glamorgan Council (Porthkerry Road (Part) and Port Road (Part)) (Rural Clearway) Order 2017

A copy of the Order and a plan showing the affected area may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 10th July 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

Amend Map Schedules: AX43, AY43, BA42, BA43, BA44

Insert New Map Schedules: AW44, AX44, AZ43, AZ44, BB43, BB44

Proposed 24 Hour Rural 'Clearway Order'

SCHEDULE

Part 1

No person shall except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or a Traffic Warden cause or permit any vehicle to stop at any time on the length of highway as described in Part 2 of this Schedule.

Part 2

Porthkerry Road Rhoose

The carriageway and land contained within the adopted highway boundary of Porthkerry Road Rhoose from its junction with Murlande Way, Rhoose in an easterly and northerly direction to Tredogan Cross Roundabout, including a section northwards to the Airport Business Park roundabout.

Port Road Rhoose

The carriageway and land contained within the adopted highway boundary of the unclassified road known as Port Road from Tredogan Cross roundabout in a north-easterly direction to its junction with the A4226 'Rhose By-Pass' for a total distance of approximately 3100 metres

Dated this 6th day of July 2017

Mr. M.E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps Depot, Wenvoe,
Vale of Glamorgan, CF5 6AA.



Mayor attends Bryn Hafren award evening



THE Mayor of the Vale, Coun Janice Charles was pleased to be invited to present annual certificates and awards to Bryn Hafren pupils at their recent 'presentation' evening.

She said: "Students, this is a very happy occasion and a chance for you not only to celebrate your hard work

and achievements, but also your positive attitude - you should be very proud indeed. I would also like to thank teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication, and also the contribution that parents and families have made.

"I would like to wish all students every success in the future, and my message to you is this - always prepare to be challenged, excited and inspired!"

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Vale AM visits play park



Jane Hutt AM, Richard Bravery, Rachel Zeraschi, John Drysdale, Rhona Probert and Howard Hamilton.

JANE HUTT AM joined local resident Richard Bravery, local parent Rachel Zeraschi and supporters at the new Fforest Community Play Park off Salisbury Road, which replaces the park known as 'the Dump.'

This was following a local campaign last year for play facilities in the park.

Ms Hutt said: "I received a petition about this and it was presented to the Vale Council. This shows that community action and support works"

THOUSANDS ENJOY BARRY BEATS, EATS AND TREATS



Coun John Thomas (left) examines the artisanal wares

THOUSANDS of people flocked to Barry Island recently for the return of the Beats, Eats and Treats festival.

Organised by the Vale Council, the event delivered a weekend of live music from a variety of local acts, a range of pop-up street food stalls, a farmer's market and craft stalls showcasing Welsh art and culture.

Local radio station Bro Radio helped create the atmosphere for visitors by providing the

soundtrack to the whole weekend.

Its live broadcasts, along with performances from acts like Patsy Hunt, The Carolines and Jess Dobson treated those under the eastern shelter to an eclectic mix of genres.

Always a great hit with visitors, the Vale's twin towns – Fécamp (France), Rheinfelden (Germany) and Mouscron (Belgium) – added a continental feel to the weekend by selling their local produce: wine, bread, cheese and Belgian



The Farmers' Market sets up as the day begins.

waffles.

Rheinfelden's glass-blowing expert, Wilfred Markus, entertained everyone by demonstrating his skill in producing many different glass pieces, which he sold throughout the weekend.

Featuring pop-up street food stalls from the likes of Meat and Greek, Mr Croquewich, Ffwrnes Pizza and Viva Los Churros, and the newly-featured vegan Stalls from Brownins and Loving Hut Express, as well as a farmers' market and cooking

demonstrations from Barry's barbecue specialists Hangfire Southern Kitchen, the event provided everything a food-lover could wish for.

The weather held out throughout, with visitors able to enjoy the sunshine with a beer from Tomos a Lilford, a cider from Vale Cider or even a cocktail from Beetle Juice.

There was something to interest the whole family, with a range of craft stalls on hand offering items made locally and children's play and entertainment along the eastern promenade provided by the council's play and library teams.

The reception of the event across social media was overwhelmingly positive, with Dafydd Brown commenting that it was "really well organised, with quality stalls", David Forman loving the "awesome set up down the Island", and many others saying that they can't wait until next year.

Coun John Thomas, Leader of the Vale

Council, visited the festival and said: "This was the second Beats, Eats and Treats festival, and it proved yet again to be a resounding success."

"It was pleasing to see the range of local businesses doing so well, and I enjoyed talking to those who came over from our twin towns about the products they had on offer."

"To see thousands of visitors enjoying Barry Island also highlights the potential we have here in the Vale in terms of tourism and events, and I hope we can continue to deliver weekends like this that showcase the Vale of Glamorgan's fantastic settings and local businesses."

"I would like to thank everyone involved with organising and running the event – their hard work made sure the weekend was a great success."

For more information on summer events across the Vale, go to www.visitthevale.com/en/Events/Events-List.aspx.

AS

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)

(GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 5) 2017

1. Ar 30 Mehefin 2017 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir isod.

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 10 Gorffennaf 2017 neu ar y dyddiadau y gosodir yr arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd, pa un bynnag sydd hwyrach, ac enw'r Gorchymyn fydd "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu Mannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Diwygiad) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Rhif 5) 2017"

3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a'r cynlluniau'n dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

4. Os ydych am gwestyynu dilystrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'r darpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r bwerau a ddylarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail nas cydymffurfirwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 10 Gorffennaf 2017, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwn.

Bydd y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig yn cael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu Mannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATODLEN

Cynnig Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg

Penlan Road Llandochoau – Map AH61

O'r gyffordd â Heol Corbett, tua'r gogledd am tua 45 metr, yn agos at y marciau safle bws newydd eu hail-leoli.

O bwynt tua 64 metr o'r gyffordd â Heol Corbett, yn agos at ben gogleddol y marciau safle bws newydd uchod tua'r gogledd am tua 10 metr

O bwynt tua 112 metr tua'r gogledd o'r gyffordd â Heol Corbett, yn agos at ben y cyfyngiad NWAAT cyfredol tua'r de am tua 10 metr.

Dyddiedig 6 Gorffennaf 2017

M. E. Punter
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Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau,
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES)

(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 5) ORDER 2017

1. On the 30th June 2017 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 10th July 2017 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 5) Order 2017"

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 10th July 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

Penlan Road Llandochoau – Map AH61

From its junction with Corbett Road, in a northern direction for approximately 45metres, contiguous with the newly repositioned bus stop bay marking.

From a point approximately 64m from its junction with Corbett Road, contiguous with the northern end of the above new bus stop bay marking, in a northerly direction for approximately 10metres

From a point approximately 112m north of its junction with Corbett Road, contiguous with the end of the existing NWAAT restriction to be continued in a southerly direction for approximately 10metres.

Dated this 6th day of July 2017

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Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA



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Maesteg Mayor looks back on 'a successful year of fundraising'



Pictured are representatives of Noddfa Youth, Diabetes Wales, Macmillan Cancer, and Caerau Community Growers, with Coun Jen Terry and Coun Phil John. Photo by Phil Davies Scenicgalleryshop.

THE Mayor of Maesteg, Coun Jen Terry, and consort, Coun Phil John, have celebrated a year of fundraising events.

The Mayor's fund raised in excess of £7,600, which has been distributed between Macmillan Cancer, Diabetes Wales, Noddfa

Youth and the Caerau Community Growers.

A spokesperson said: "The Mayor extends her grateful appreciation to the community of Maesteg and district for all their kind support and to everyone who helped in any way to raise this splendid amount for worthy causes."

War In The Air exhibition opened by Porthcawl's Mayor



THE mayor of Porthcawl Town Council Coun Lorrie Desmond Williams formally opened the War in the Air exhibition at Porthcawl Museum on Saturday, July 1 and arrived in vintage style.

Friend of the museum Harold Wilson provided his 1926 Morris Cowley to collect the mayor and her consort for the day, Coun Graham Walters, and bring her to the museum.

She, and other members of Porthcawl Town Council, were then given a tour and talk about the exhibition (which includes extensive material about RAF Stormy Down) by Rob Taylor of Porthcawl Museum, who with his wife Ann and other museum volunteers have made the exhibition possible.

Chairman of the museum Paul Joseph also thanked the town council for its continuing support of the museum.

The 1926 Morris Cowley that ferried Porthcawl's mayor to the museum. Photo by David Swidenbank.

'Don't dismiss e-canvass emails as a scam' warns BCBC

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is carrying out its annual electoral canvass this month to confirm that the information it holds on the electoral register for each property is correct.

Residents who provided an email address in the last canvass are advised to look out for an email that will enable them to complete this year's canvass form securely online.

The email will come

from 'Elecrag on behalf of Bridgend County Borough Council' and will have the subject title 'Bridgend CBC – Electoral Registration 2017'.

The main postal canvass will begin later in July to ensure that the details BCBC has for each household are correct.

Editor's note: 'Elecrag' is an online registration system for electors in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



Sandra Townsend handing her chain of office to Denzil Gould, and (below) Bob Aubrey handing his chain of office to Sandra.

SANDRA TAKES HER TURN AT ROTARY!



ROTARY in Porthcawl is pleased to welcome Sandra Townsend as its new president.

Sandra is not new to the role as she served as president from 2006 to 2007.

The club gives a very big "Thank you" to Robert Aubrey for his year in office, a year which has seen the Rotary Post, the Christmas Tree Festival, Carolcade, Know Your Blood Pressure and many other events which have been supported as usual by a very generous public.

Rotary prides itself on its motto 'Service above Self' and members are only too aware that their hard work for local and international charities can only come to fruition through the help they receive from the public, so a big "thank you" also goes to all for their support.

The recent handover evening was tinged with a little sadness, as Sandra reminded Rotarians and guests that it was the late Rowena Millward who was to have been enrolled as president at the occasion.

Taking on the mantle of president elect is Denzil Gould, a former president of Wallingford Rotary Club near Oxford.

Ivor Williams



Dublin-based band The Stars from The Commitments.

Grace wants commitments for crowdfunding concert

A YOUNG woman from Porthcawl is attempting to raise funds for cancer research by organising a gig hosted by world-renowned Irish soul band The Stars from The Commitments.

But to make it a reality, she needs the support of the public in south Wales.

Grace Reynolds (23), a university graduate in drama and theatre studies, used to love watching the film *The Commitments* with her father John before he died of cancer.

She told *The GEM*: "I am hoping to put on a fantastic fundraising night of music and fun, for families and friends of cancer patients, by arranging the gig."

"If it goes ahead, it will feature original cast members from the multi-award winning 1991 film *The Commitments*, performing songs such as 'Mustang Sally', and 'Chain of Fools'."

"The venue will be The Globe in Cardiff and it will be a night of dancing and singing in the aisles that won't be forgotten for a long time!"

The 350-seat capacity location used to be a cinema and is now a 'hub' for live music.

Grace explained: "A date is yet to be set because I need to raise the money for the band to travel over from Dublin, and for the venue's deposit, so that whatever is raised on the night can go straight to the charity."

"One of the reasons that I want to do this is that I know personally how cancer can affect all members of the family and not just the poor person that has

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Grace Reynolds.

been diagnosed.

"I know that an evening of such fun would go somewhere to giving these people time to relax while raising money for a wonderful cause."

"When I was growing up, my dad would always be the one to introduce me to new things, such as music, films, even rugby teams."

"So, when I saw *The Commitments* for the first time, I couldn't wait to share my new 'discovery' with him. I remember watching it with him and loving every second."

"When I found out that some of the original cast members had formed a band, I couldn't wait for them to come to Wales."

"When I was 15 my dad, like so many other people, was diagnosed with cancer, and within weeks, passed away."

Grace says if the gig gets off the ground it will be a truly special occasion.

"I have been to see the band perform on a few occasions. They really do give the best night."

"Even though I have always enjoyed myself, I always wish that my dad could've experienced it with me."

Grace needs to raise £10,000 by the end of July for this dream to become possible.

To support her fundraiser, people should make a donation at: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/catch-the-commitments.

Chamber of Trade has a new president

PORTHCAWL Chamber of Trade has a new president.

Town councillor Robert Lee, who completed his term of office as Mayor of Porthcawl in May, has taken over the helm from Les Tallon-Morris.

Architect Stuart Bentley, a driving force behind Porthcawl's Harbourside project was elected as vice-president. Mark Morgan remains as treasurer and Bridget Hall as secretary.

"I am delighted to be president of the chamber, an organisation vital to the town. It is important that a seaside resort such as ours has a thriving

chamber," said Coun Lee, who owns a computer business based in Nottage, Porthcawl.

In addition, Porthcawl town councillor Chris Smart has been confirmed as chairman of the Bridgend Tourism Association.

He took over when Karl Schmidke resigned to take a position with Parkdean Caravan sites in the west country.

Former hotelier Lewis Chamberlain has been elected as vice-chairman.

Mike Evans, a past member of the Bridgend County Borough Council's tourism team, is carrying out the dual role of secretary and treasurer.



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St John's Church summer fair at Newton Green



THE lady featured in this photograph is a member of the highly successful and colourful belly dancing group Elindia's Belly Dancers and they will be appearing at the St John's Church summer fair on Newton Green this Saturday (July 8).

They reached the semi-finals of *Wales Got Talent* and are fitting in a visit to the fair.

Also performing during the day will be the local Rock Choir and the Performance House.

Add to this the usual fun of the fair with a magician, bouncy castle, children's games, tombola and tug of war between the two pubs and you have a recipe for a great afternoon's entertainment for all the family.

Last year the event raised over £7,000 for the church. This was due reward for all the hard work

put in by volunteers who man stalls, make cakes, grow rhubarb, erect marquees, etc.

See you all on Saturday, July 8 at Newton Green, starting at 11.30am.

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Raising money for Ty Hafan



Mairwen Chess, optical assistant with donations.

DONATIONS from staff and customers at a Porthcawl optician's have helped raise £300 for the Welsh children's hospice, Ty Hafan.

Ten bags of children's toys, clothes and shoes were collected at Specsavers in Porthcawl.

"It was a useful exercise for staff and customers to use an alternative method of fundraising for the charity through physical donations and was good to forge stronger bonds with our local Ty Hafan shop. We're set to continue our support of the children's charity and are hoping to hit our target of raising over £1,000 from our store."

Ty Hafan is the current dedicated charity for the Porthcawl optician, along with 36 other Specsavers stores across mid- and south Wales.

The charity cares for life-limited children and young people, and provides support to their families, both within the hospice and through its community outreach programme. Since 1999, it has supported 689 children across Wales, 263 of which are currently under its care.

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Huw Irranca-Davies (right) and Chris Elmore (centre) at the community hub.

Community hub holds a 'Big Lunch' event

A 'SHOWCASE' of learning disabilities and work carried out by Mirus, Drive, Cartrefi Cymru, WoodB and Bleaf (adults with learning difficulties) was recently held at Cwm Calon Community

Hub in Maesteg, where they held their first ever 'Big Lunch Event 2017'.

A spokesperson said: "In it's ninth year and held annually in June, The Big Lunch Events are funded by the National Lottery and is the UK's annual get-together for neighbours."

"It is intended to be a day where neighbours and members of communities can come together for the simple act of sharing a meal, inside or outside, casual or filled with all sorts of games and activities. Good food, good company and good fun."

"Cwm Calon's successful event was co-produced with Mirus, Drive and Cartrefi Cymru and also attended by Ogmore Assembly Member Huw Irranca-Davies AM and Ogmore MP Chris Elmore."

Mr Irranca-Davies said: "Great to see such prominent organisations coming together and joint-working for the benefit of adults with learning difficulties."

"The Big Lunch events held throughout the country have proved successful in bringing communities together and building on community spirit. Cwm Calon's first ever Big Lunch event was a big success and hopefully this will inspire more people to take part in The Big Lunch for years to come."

Mr Elmore added: "It was an absolutely lovely event with lots of artwork, stalls and even a singalong. It was great to buy local crafts from those who benefit from the centre's fantastic work."

MP 'explains her Queen's Speech vote'

ON Thursday, June 29, Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon voted to support Amendment G to the Queen's Speech.

Among other proposals it called for the Government to 'not rule out withdrawal from the EU without a deal, guarantee a Parliamentary vote on any final outcome to negotiations, set out transitional arrangements to maintain jobs, trade and certainty for business', and crucially, to 'set out proposals to remain within the Customs Union and Single Market'.

Mrs Moon said: "My position on this is no secret. I believe that remaining in the Customs Union and the Single Market is vital for Bridgend and the UK in order to protect jobs, maintain competitiveness and attract future investments, particularly for companies like Ford and others in the automotive sector."

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vehicles because of WTO rules could cost the industry £4.5 billion which would inevitably increase costs for consumers. It has also been estimated that the list price of cars imported to the UK from the EU could increase by an average of £1,500.

"Not only this, jobs could be at risk. This is not scaremongering, it's a very plausible outcome when we think about it. If we leave the EU with no deal, we automatically resort to WTO rules, which equals tariffs. Tariffs then mean the cost of production increases."

"Economically, it would make sense for some manufacturers to leave the UK if 10 per cent WTO tariffs are introduced. The PA Consulting Group found that the increased cost of exporting 200,000 cars a year from the UK would be £920m after two years."

"This could easily cover the cost of building a new plant in an EU member state which has access to the single market and customs union."

"We must absolutely avoid this scenario and I feel the amendment offered a path to mitigate such risks."

"It is without doubt that the imposition of tariffs by losing access to the Single Market and Customs Union puts our businesses in Bridgend such as Ford at a significant disadvantage."

"I have always stood up for what is in the best interests of the constituency and if there is ever a chance to protect Bridgend from the damaging impact of Brexit, I will always put the constituency first."

'Reduced rates' for retailers

HUNDREDS of local high street retailers 'could benefit' from reduced rates bills after members from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) agreed to adopt the Welsh Government's High Street Rates Relief Scheme.

Under the scheme, eligible retailers will receive up to £1,500 off their non-domestic rates bill if they have a rateable value of £50,000 or less in the 2017-18 financial year.

Their properties must be occupied, and either wholly or mainly used as shops, restaurants, cafes or drinking establishments. Critically, they must also be high street businesses that aren't based in out of town developments or industrial estates.

In Bridgend county borough, it is estimated

that around 450 ratepayers could potentially benefit from the scheme which will also be offered in conjunction with the Small Business Rates Relief and Transitional Relief schemes.

Coun Hywel Williams, the council's Deputy Leader, said: "Many are concerned about increases in their non-domestic rates as a result of the Valuation Office Agency's revaluation, and this scheme was announced by the Welsh Government earlier this year to support those small and medium businesses which have been adversely affected."

"While the council will not have any discretion over any elements of the High Street Rates Relief Scheme, we are pleased to adopt it and do what we can to support our high street retailers."

To find out more about the scheme, and to apply, call BCBC on 01656 643643.

Maesteg Rotary has new president



President Gwynfor handing over the chain of office to Talfyn.

AT their handover held at The Cross Inn, Maesteg on July 3 president Gwynfor handed over the reins to Tal Harries for the year 2017/18.

As with other Rotary clubs the main objective for the year is recruitment and this is very important for Maesteg club, as although going for over 70 years membership has been steadily falling for

many years; we now have a membership of 10 but only a nucleus of seven keeping the club going.

We intend keeping the firework display going and supporting our youth activities for another year, but would ask if anyone (male or female) feels they would like to involve themselves in charity work and helping others, to call Talfyn on 07999 886142 for details.

July Bridgend PACT meetings

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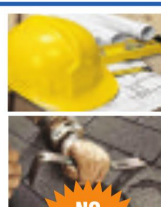
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Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 4th July, Leah of Llantwit Major, much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister.

Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Friday, 14th July. Service and cremation 2.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium. No flowers by request, donations if desired to Cancer Research Wales.

INCLEDON Joyce

(Formerly James) née Gustavsson
It is with tremendous sadness to announce the death of Joyce, loved wife of the late Idris and the late Reg, much loved mother of Jocelyn and the late Idris, mother-in-law to the late Dick and Marie, nan to Glesni, Sian and Nia also great nan to Flynn, Faye and Bethany.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the Service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 19th July 2017 at 3pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for The Stroke Association c/o the funeral director, please wear colourful attire.

WILLIAMS (née Griffiths) Mary Frances

Mary Frances died peacefully on 29 June at home in Barry in the presence of her loving family, aged 90 years. Beloved wife of the late Vincent who passed away November 2012.

Dear loved mother to Alan and mother-in-law to Ann. Loving sister to Margaret and the late Rowland. Sister-in-law of Barbara and brother-in-law to Norman and families.

Mary will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. The family wish to express their gratitude for the loving care and attention given to Mary throughout her recent illness and for the friendship and affection she enjoyed throughout her long life.

Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, where family and friends please meet on Monday, 10 July at 4pm. Family flowers only. If desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for the benefit of Cancer Research.

ROSSER

Eileen (née Edmonds)

Peacefully, but too soon, on 23rd June at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Much loved wife of Anthony, adored mother of Mark, Rita, Marie and Andrew, her son-in-law Stuart, daughters-in-law Marian and Janine, awesome Grandma to Ross, Lindsey, Luke, Paige, Owen, Joseph, Rose, James, Katie and Isobel. Cherished by her sister Linda.

Eileen will be greatly & sadly missed by her family, friends and all whose life she touched.

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry. Funeral Tuesday, 11th July 1pm at St Helen's RC Church, followed by burial at Barry Cemetery. No flowers by request, donations in lieu to Stroke Association (www.stroke.org.uk)

JENKINS Gwenfa

Peacefully, on Friday, 23rd June 2017 in the loving care of Breaksea Residential Home, Porthcawl, Gwenfa (formerly of Brynteg Gardens, Bridgend). Daughter of the late David and Edith Jenkins (Blaengarw).

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SMITH Linda Marie

Suddenly but peacefully on 29 June at the University Hospital of Wales Cardiff, Linda Marie, aged 67 years of Rhosce. Dearly loved mother of Louis, Nicky and mother-in-law of Lucy and Farzana. Cherished grandmother of Amy, Sophie, Luke and Laiq. Dear sister of Fay, Teresa and Mark.

Linda will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

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MALLET

Charles Henry (Charlie)

Sadly passes away at Holme Towers Hospice on June 30th. Much loved brother to Michael, Richard and Sandra.

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DAY Eileen

Peacefully on the 22nd June at Princess of Wales Hospital, Eileen of Llantwit Major. Loving mother of Brian and Lesley, grandmother to Owen, Hayley and Paul, great grandmother to Clara and Lucy.

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Funeral Service Saturday, 15th July at 11am at Groesfaen Church. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Director JR & MF David, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major, CF32 0SB before 10am or donations in lieu, if desired, to Dogs Trust c/o Lesley Morgan (daughter).

GUTHRIE

Katie-Sue (née Grocott)

Peacefully on 27th June, surrounded by her beloved family, Katie-Sue, aged 40 years, adored wife of Mike, special and loved mummy of Lois, Mason, Daisy-Anne and Ollie-Jack. Cherished daughter of Roger and Sue, much loved sister of Jodi and brother Jake, life-long friend of Natalia.

Katie-Sue will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the funeral service at All Saints Church on Friday, 14th July at 10.30am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu, if so desired, would be gratefully appreciated for Velindre Hospital c/o the funeral director. In memory of Katie-Sue, please wear colourful attire.

DAVIES Mary Minnie

Peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Mary loving wife of the late Herbert, much loved mother of David and the late Barbara, mother-in-law of Allan, grandmother to Helen.

Will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, July 13th at 1.15pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, may be sent to The Stroke Association, Unit 8 Cae Gwyrdd, Greenmeadow Springs Business Park, Tongwynlais, Cardiff, CF15 7AB.

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Hilary and family would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended Mervyn's funeral service. Also, thanks to everyone for their messages of sympathy and donations to Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Thanks also to the Reverend Alan Kettle for his thoughtful service. The family would also like to thank the Cowbridge and Western Vale Family Practice and the District Nurses for their special care and devotion over the last few years. Thank you to Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Directors.

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Jill becomes the first female president of Barry Rotary Club



*Rotary officers: Ann Harthy (vice president),
Robin Pücher, Phil Hunt, Jill Osborne.*

**THE Rotary Club of Barry
held its Handover Dinner
Meeting on June 29 in the
Casa Paco restaurant in Barry,
when outgoing president Phil
Hunt handed over the chain of
office to Jill Osborne, the new
president for 2017/18 and the
first female president in the
80-year history of the club.**

A qualified teacher, Jill works in
Cardiff with pupils on the autistic
spectrum and lives in Barry. She has
been a Rotarian since 2009 and also
enjoys walking, swimming, gardening
and flower arranging as well as
spending time with family and friends.

Speaking to members and guests
after the handover, Jill said that she
was immensely proud to be making
history as the first female president of
such a longstanding, successful club
and hoped that everyone would enjoy
the year ahead.

Lots of activities are planned,

including several new ones, the first
being a charity duck race and summer
fete in the Knap Gardens on Saturday,
July 22 when hundreds of plastic
ducks will swim down the feeder
towards the lake.

In addition, there will be lots of
other stalls and activities and it is
hoped that the general public will
come along to support the event.
Ducks can either be purchased on the
day for £1 or in advance from
Rotarians who will be at ASDA in
Barry on Saturday, July 8 or Morrisons
on July 15.

Also taking up her new chain of
office as president nominee was Ann
Harthy while Phil Hunt was
reappointed as club secretary and
Robin Pitcher was reappointed as
treasurer.

*The Rotary Club of Barry meets
weekly in The Glenbrook on
Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm.*

For further information, contact
Phil Hunt on 01446 720000 or look
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From Thailand to the Vale: a soi dog learns new tricks

**A SOI dog – one
that lives rough on
the street, or soi in
Thai – that was
rescued from
Thailand and
brought to the Vale,
has been showing
off her new-found
skills in a 'canine
biathlon'.**



*Owner Tony Harvey and Tui competed in
the K9 Biathlon at Pencoed College.*

Crossbreed Tui came
fifth in the recent
'Malpeet K9 Biathlon' at
Pencoed College with the
help of guide dog trainers
Tony and Emily Harvey,
of Penmark.

The couple fell in love
with the young dog while
volunteering at an animal
sanctuary in Thailand,
and brought her to Wales.

They have since
trained her using guide
dogs methods, which
reward and reinforce
positive behaviour.

Tui learnt so quickly
that the couple decided to
enter her for the 3.5 mile
cross-country event,
which tested fitness and
obedience.

Dog and owner had to
work as a team to tackle
25 obstacles, including
water obstacles up to 3ft
deep.

Tony and Tui raced
against the clock as they
jumped over and crawled

under objects, and tried
not to incur time
penalties.

Speaking afterwards,
Tony said: "We really
enjoyed it. Tui managed
all the obstacles and we
overtook quite a few
dogs, although she was
tired by the end."

"She's been doing 5k
runs with me each
morning before I leave
for work."

"We usually go around
the airport site, or cross-
country depending on
what animals are
around."

The biathlon also
included an obedience
test.

Each dog had to
respond promptly when
told to sit, lie down and

stay down for two
minutes, which proved a
stern test.

Because she is still
'uneasy' around other
dogs, Tui competed in a
special yellow jacket,
which indicates that an
animal needs space while
training, recovering from
surgery or being
rehabilitated.

"She coped well and
seemed quite relaxed,"
Tony said. "We had a
little medal ceremony for
her afterwards and her
prize was a bone from the
shop."

"She had a poor start
on the streets of
Thailand, and she'll
never be a guide dog, but
she's really clever."

AS

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Triples tourney played at Barry Athletic Bowls Club

LAST weekend saw the annual Open Triples competition at Barry Athletic's 4Wood Green with a bumper entry of competitors from across south Wales.

This year's tournament was in memory of Milton Eskins, a former longstanding member of Barry Athletic and aimed to raise money for Diabetes UK.

The tournament was hosted in sunny conditions on the flat easy-running Athletic surface.

A good turnout of quality competitors battled through the early rounds with a number of very tight finishes in a number of the group games; however qualification for the semi-finals came down to the match up between the fancied local triple, skipped by Glyn Thomas, and the Graig Merthyr combination skipped by former international Wyn Matthews.

With the Barry trio leading by three on the final end, a fortuitous deflection by Matthews with his last bowl crashed into the head and when the dust settled the visitors were laying three shots and eliminated the Barry three.

This result ensured another local triple, and last year's winners, husband and wife duo Lynne and Richard Bowen

who had teamed up with former Barry Athletic star Matthew Woodcock, set up a semi-final against the Kidwelly Black cats, skipped by Mark Davis, a repeat of last year's semi-final.

After a tight high-quality game where the two sides were never separated by more than one shot, it came down to an extra end with the Barry holders grabbing the shots they required to progress to the final for the second year in a row and to face the Penylan trio skipped by Ross Lewis who had moved effortlessly to the final without losing a game.

In the final, Lynne Bowen, former World and Commonwealth star turned up the heat from the off with an excellent display of front end bowls, putting the Penylan combination under pressure end after end and laying the foundation for husband Richard and Matthew to convert heads when needed.

A run of eight winning ends from nine played allowed the Barry trio to build up a healthy 13-3 lead after 11 ends and when skip Matthew Woodcock trailed the jack for four it was all over for the Penylan team who graciously acknowledged defeat after 12 ends of the final to retain the trophy for

the second year and claim the £450 first prize.

Organiser Chris Wright presented the trophy sponsored by JJ Windows to the holders after the long day of competitive bowls that had progressed with ease thanks to the organising skills of Chris and his band of volunteers.

Elsewhere on the weekend with the first team without a fixture, it was left to the PG2 side to continue their relentless march up the table with another away victory at Guest Memorial.

The Barry side were well prepared for a tough encounter after Guest had comprehensively defeated league leaders Cardiff the previous week, but they were outplayed by the visiting Barry Athletic team, who claimed all 14 points on offer.

Top honours went to Paul Webley's rink who chalked up another 26-9 victory, well supported by the points machine that is Dave Snelling's rink, who triumphed again this time by 23 shots to 11.

Gary Gane with Tim Morgan Dave Townsend and Andy Cooper playing well up front eased to another victory by 29-17 and it was left to Mike Vaughan's rink to score the final two points of the

afternoon and ensure all 14 points for the rampant Barry Athletic side.

This puts the club in with a realistic chance of promotion this year and is a testament to the greater strength in depth at the club this season with many very good experienced players all pushing for selection at the weekend.

In midweek, the Barry Athletic development side also scored an impressive victory away to neighbours Cadoxton, similarly securing all 14 points and reinforcing their position at the top of the Munro Cup league.

This week sees the Barry Athletic first team back in Carruthers Shield action with a tricky away fixture at Rhymney Gwent; with a number of key players unavailable for selection, all of Barry's experience in this flagship competition of Welsh bowls will be called upon.

However the momentum and confidence in the club is strong and with a number of excellent performances last week, the club will be confident in fielding a competitive side for both the fixtures and maintain the good progress in evidence this season.

RB

Cowbridge seconds 'disappointing' defeat

COWBRIDGE second XI suffered a disappointing and comprehensive seven-wicket defeat last Saturday away against Baglan.

Having been asked to bat first a total of 102 for 9 from their allocated 40 overs was never likely to be enough unless their bowlers could produce something truly remarkable after the tea break – unfortunately they could not.

Having lost Dave Gascoyne, caught behind to the first ball of the game, the top order struggled to score and seemed content on merely trying to see off the opposition's opening bowlers.

Out of the top seven batsmen, only Alistair Lawson (13) was able to make double figures and when he was dismissed in the 20th over, Cowbridge were in a mess at 50 for the loss of six wickets.

Ian Evans (20) and Guy Parker (24) managed to put together the only partnership of note during the latter stages of the innings and Cowbridge were grateful for this along with 'extras' that top scored with 26 runs in the under par score.

After tea, Cowbridge set about the impossible and there appeared to be a glimmer of hope as Baglan lost three quick wickets for just 23 runs.

While Ed Lewis was quite hostile, it was Mike Hordley who bowled accurately and deservedly picked up three wickets for just eight runs from five overs.

Unfortunately it was at this point that things changed for the worse. Baglan's M. Harris set about Cowbridge's bowlers with sustain and smashed an unbeaten 83 runs from the next 10 overs which included nine 4s and five 6s while his batting partner was content on blunting the Cowbridge attack scoring just eight runs in their partnership.

While the defeat is most disappointing, no serious damage was done Cowbridge's quest for promotion as the other top sides in the division also lost.

The game will be forgotten about quickly and a return to winning ways hoped for as the second XI welcome league leaders Gorseion to The Athletic Ground on Saturday.

JS

Cowbridge RFC look forward to new season!

IT might be early July but there are just nine Saturdays to go before the start of the rugby season!

Cowbridge will be looking to build on the impressive third place last season.

With Cefn Coed and Penrygraig promoted and Cardiff Saracens and St Albans relegated the newcomers are Trehebert and Ynysowen down from Division 3A and

Ferndale and Hirwaun up from 3B.

We start the season with a trip to Wattstown on September 2 followed by Llantwit Major at home on September 9 - what a start to the season!

As if that wasn't exciting enough, this Saturday will see the Lions aiming for a series victory in New Zealand and the club is the place to watch it.

The new large screen is proving to be a big

success with a great crowd for all the games.

The club will be open from 7.45am with bacon rolls available around half-time along with coffee and tea.

Finally to celebrate the victory (or drown your sorrows) why not come to Mayor Sian Vaughan's 'Sparkling Strawberry Tea' at the Lesser Town Hall from 3pm-5pm in aid of Cancer Research Wales, tickets available on the door.

RV/RK

Friendlies booked in for Llantwit Major RFC

WITH next season's fixtures now decided, Llantwit Major RFC, who finished fourth in the league last season, are starting to look towards the start of season by arranging two warmup friendlies in August in preparation for the new season.

On Saturday, August 19, Division 1 side Bridgend Athletic make the relatively short trip into the Vale to take on the Llantwitians at the Recreation Ground.

The Athletic sportingly agreeing to bring a development side for a game which will also be played for the Lyn Dolman Memorial Cup.

The day won't be ending with the game, however, as the club are planning a post-match barbecue and live music for players and spectators to attend.

The following week Llantwit entertain what is believed to be a new visitor to the Recreation Ground, as they take on Pontrhydyfen RFC who play at the same level as their hosts, but as they

hail from the Neath Valley compete in the West Central league.

That is not where the comparisons end as they also finished fourth in their league last season.

The Llantwitians will need plenty of preparation too as they will need to hit the ground running once the league starts on the first weekend in September.

The first game sees them take on Old Penarthians at home, who gave them two tough games last year, before renewing the derby rivalry as the following week they travel to take on local rivals Cowbridge.

On the social scene, with the enthralling British & Irish Lions test series against New Zealand poised at 1-1, come and see the deciding match at the clubhouse on Saturday.

The fully licensed bar will be open from 8am, with unlimited tea and coffee and breakfast rolls served at half-time.

The game kicks off at 8:35am with the bar, lounge and function room open their will be plenty of room for all to watch and see if the Lions can pull off what would be a magnificent and historic victory.

AH

Defeat for the Cavaliers

ON a seemingly hot and sunny day without a cloud in the sky, Scott Buckley won the toss and decided to bowl first for the Llantwit Major Cavaliers against Kidwelly.

Having won all their previous home games by bowling sides out for very little, many would be forgiven for much of the same again facing a side they should have beaten first game of the season with only eight players.

However, Kidwelly did not read the script. With the scorecard constantly turning over at a surprising rate given the bowling on show, the visitors did not seem to find any trouble in taking the scorecard to an excellent total of 202-8 off their 40 overs.

Brown top scored for Kidwelly with an impressive 60 with a valuable contribution of 45 from Williams also. Neal Pritchard took 3-19 in an impressive spell of stump flattening bowling.

Dave Cheal took two wickets and Rob Toutt bowled a very attacking spell rewarding him with figures of 2-13.

In a real game of two halves, Llantwit came out to bat in completely different batting conditions. The blue sky without cloud in it was replaced by a grey overcast blanket.

This seemed to help the bowlers as they managed to find swing from ball one. Wickets fell at a steady pace and Kidwelly took control of the game from early on.

Despite the resilience of Gareth Toutt who scored 20 and Neal Pritchard scoring 16, nobody stepped up to the plate as Brown and Williams did for the visitors.

Llantwit succumb to their opponents getting bowled all out for 93. Fortunately for the Cavaliers, other results went their way which leaves them in third place and still in the mix to challenge for that second promotion spot.

Off the back of two defeats, Llantwit need to dig deep and start showing some grit in the fixtures to come.

The Cavs would like to thank their sponsors Anthony Brown Estate Agents, Chiroprapist Roz Couzens, Cooperative Travel, Llantwit Major Autocentre, Oxford Lawns and Gardens, Simons Plance, Sinclair Direct and Wave Design to Print for their much-appreciated sponsorship of the club.

KD

BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, June 28: First, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea; second, Geoff Barnes and Alan Heath; equal third, Simon and Debbie Richards and Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham and Linda

Barrivale Bridge Club news

BARRIVALE Bridge Club results for June 27 are as follows.

The winners were: first, Mark Roderick and Mick Green 69.05 per cent; second, Jenny Vaughan and Mike Close 61.11 per cent; third, Irene Thomas and Peter Millar 55.08 per cent.

The handicap first place winners were Hilary Lawrence and Vivian Liles.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge club and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join us call 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

LINDA HOUSTON

Pinnock and Bill Turner. start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Norton church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

There will be a new series of lessons for beginners on Wednesdays from 4pm until 6pm starting on September 13 in the hall.

For further information about the lessons and any other club activities contact Steve Burgoine 01656 661968, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 659138.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Norton church hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt

Pencoed RFC start pre-season training

PENCOED Rugby Football Club commenced training on Tuesday, July 4 and will continue to train every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter at 6.30pm in preparation for their 2017/18 Division 2 West Central campaign.

New players are most welcome and should contact head coach Gerald Williams on 07875020873.

TR

Footballers wanted

BARRY Albion Football Club are looking for players for the new season.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Leighton Jones on 07967814791 or contact us via Twitter: @barryalbionfc.

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Daniela Mylot: a female Dick Francis

CARDIFF-born author Daniela Mylot is well known to hunt-racing enthusiasts in the Vale as she attends all the point-to-point meetings in the area.

She is also an estate lawyer and she has been racing in most countries you could name. She is an animal lover and has a pet greyhound.

Her favourite book is Anna Sewall's classic *Black Beauty*, and if you enjoy reading the Dick Francis racing novels then it is odds-on that you will love reading Daniela Mylot's second horse racing novel *The Winning Margin - The Horseshoe Part II*.

One critic has described it as: 'Fast paced with a knowledgeable yet familiar style of writing, gives a wonderful insight into the world of racing and is a real page turner - transporting you to the

gallops and into the jockey boots of Rhys Jones.'

It's about a Welsh jockey who had his ambition of being a National Hunt champion jockey maliciously snatched from him after just a season at the top.

Catastrophic injury threatened to ruin him but he is thrown a lifeline by someone with a dream, the shell of a racing stables and a will to gamble.

Rhys' new aspiration as a racehorse trainer is threatened by an old foe determined to ruin his second chance. Can Rhys find the strength to make it in the cut world of National Hunt racing against the ever lengthening odds?

Will he be able to achieve his dream and have it all?

You will have to read the book to find out. It is published by New Generation and can be obtained from Amazon at £10.99.

BRIAN LEE

Day tells of his relief after first tournament win



Ryan Day.

BRIDGEND'S Ryan Day has spoken of his "relief" at finally winning his first ranking title after 18 years as a professional snooker player.

Day beat Scotland's Stephen Maguire 5-2 in the Riga Masters final, a win which saw him return to the world's top 16.

The 37-year-old, three times a quarter-finalist in the world championships, had previously lost four ranking finals, including one to Barry Hawkins in February's World Grand Prix.

"It's been a long time coming," Day told BBC Wales Sport. "I would have liked to have got a few more titles under my belt before now, but patience is a virtue."

"I've kept on working hard and believing in myself. The overwhelming feeling I've got right now is one of just massive relief."

"To beat the players I did and to have won it is

like a dream come true. Fingers crossed, the floodgates might open and I might get three or four (ranking titles) in quick succession if I keep believing in myself."

Day's win in the Latvian capital came after an impressive run of results, including victory over fellow Welshman and twice world champion Mark Williams in the semi-finals.

His first ranking title followed a "frustrating" World Championships in April in which he lost in the first round.

"I just didn't settle and didn't play very well," he confessed, "But I had a few weeks off after Sheffield and recharged the batteries."

"I came back to the practice table with a clear mind but knowing my game was in good shape."

Day, from Pontycymer, is currently in action in the Snooker World Cup in China, (July 3-9), where he is partnering Mark Williams in the Welsh team.

MICHAEL PROSSER

Bad week for the A team

L L A N T W I T MAJOR bowls A team entertained Cefn Cribwr on Thursday evening, June 29.

The captains agreed on one shot on the first two ends, and so the match began. Paul Brown's triple of John Moison and Ian Williamson, after being 2-0 down, raced to a 10-3 lead after seven ends.

They proceeded to lose the next 4 ends, but only dropping one shot on each end, still had a good lead after 12 ends.

They then romped ahead scoring on five of the last six ends with two 2s, a 5 and two 1s to end up the only winning rink, 22-8.

Graham Merchant's triple of Richard Bayliss and Geoff Timms battled well throughout the game with both sides sharing the ends, winning nine each.

Graham's side led the way 11-5 after 11 ends, but had a set back dropping 10 shots in four ends, ending the evening three shots down, 14-17.

Mike Harmon's triple of Andy Vincent and Mike Jones also shared a number of ends with Cefn Cribwr and also failed to register a win for two points and after the 18 ends were completed they ended up just five shots in defeat, 14-19.

This left Llantwit still six shots to the good until John O'Brien's triple of Ken Williams and John Ball came onto the scene, scoring on only four of the eighteen ends and going down 5-24, leaving Llantwit with a deficit of 13 shots and only two points.

However, John's triple, I think, won the social game.

On Saturday, July 1, Caerphilly Social were the visitors to Llantwit in

a friendly fixture.

Firstly a big thank you to the players who came in at short notice. Lyn Fry's rink of Ian Williamson, Dave Thomas and Richard Bayliss kept within six shots of their opponents until the 10th end, 4-10, but managed only one score on the last eight ends and only dropping 1s or 2s on every end except the eighth, when they dropped a four, eventually losing 5-21.

Mike Harmon's rink of Doug Oatley, Roy French and Dave Post showed great character, being 10-10 on the 13th end to go down 12-14 on the final end.

Mike led his rink to their usual consistency of a close game.

John O'Brien, John Ball and Ken Williams put in a much better performance than on the previous Thursday Triples or perhaps it was due to the consistent leading of John Moison.

After a bad start, being 2-6 in arrears, they picked up a four on the seventh end and going 10-7 up on the 10th end, they ended up sharing the spoils, 15-15.

Les Fowler's four included Mike Jones at third, Graham Snowdon at second and new bowler Mike Eveleigh, who is turning in some very consistent performances as he plays more regularly.

Les' four, although scoring on eight of the 18 ends, were 2-9 down, but battled until the end and scored a magnificent 7 on the last end to be Llantwit's only winning rink, 21-15.

It was a bit disappointing to see the whole Caerphilly side remaining with only five Llantwit bowlers staying behind to partake in the social proceedings after the match.

WJB

News from Llantwit Major ladies bowlers

ON Sunday a mixed team travelled to Newbridge for a friendly game.

The excellent bowling was followed by a superb tea and entertainment from the members. An enjoyable day out.

On Wednesday, due to bad weather, our game with Bridgend Municipal was cancelled and the points split.

On Thursday we welcomed Windsor (Penarth) for a league game and an excellent game was had by all followed by a cream tea.

A slow start was made

by Barbara Marilyn Dyls and Julie but from the 13th end they picked up and only lost by one, 14-15.

Kay, Margaret, Helen and Carol started well but struggled after the fourth end but managed to close the gap on the last couple of ends, losing 13-19.

Liz, Pat, Naomi and Eryl went into the lead from the start and although dropped a four on the fourth end, they kept it up to the end, winning 15-13 - well done.

CW

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Sponsor John Caines with winning golfers Ray Thomas and Jim Hayes.

COMPETITION IS FIERCE FOR THE GOLFING FARMERS

THE monthly meeting of The Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Friday when 39 members set off early in the morning for a full day's golf at The Kendleshire Golf Club, Bristol.

Sponsored by local estate agents Payton, Jewell & Caines a trip over the Severn Bridge is mandatory for members to compete for the PJC International Classic trophy in addition to the opportunity of returning home with one of the many quality prizes

supplied by generous sponsor Mr John Caines.

The mornings nine hole Texas scramble competition was keenly contested with just 0.6 of a decimal point separating the top two teams.

Returning with a winning score of 32.25 was Gwyn Thomas, Brian Jones, Julian Golunski and Nick Golunski followed into second place with a score of 32.85 by Ray Thomas, Dan Jarvis, Neil McLean and Keith James.

Following a light lunch participants returned to the course to play an individual stableford competition which ended with society captain Ray Thomas returning one of the highest ever individual scores recorded by a member when accumulating 44 points resulting in an immediate four stroke handicap reduction.

Runner-up with a far more respectable score of 37 points was Jim Hayes, one point ahead of third placed Hugh Williams.

The day's sponsor John Caines finished fourth with 33 points

followed into fifth place by Jeremy Corby and lookalike John Thomas.

In the visitors' section the society were pleased to welcome 10 guests including Douglas Vissicchio from USA, son-in-law of Llanccadle entrepreneur David Williams.

Douglas was unlucky not to take a prize back across the big pond but would have been pleased to see his brother-in-law Jon Lane take first place in this section with 37 points followed by Marcus Goldsworthy who scored 32 points. Wyndham Abbot finished third with 27 points.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Julian Kelly (2) Chris Rooney, Jon Lane, Clive Thomas and Dan Jarvis.

Neil McLean hit the longest drive down the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge-sponsored hole to collect the longest drive prize.

Cowbridge rugby club president, Mr Lyn Thomas, made a welcome return to the winners' enclosure when correctly guessing 68 balls would remain

over the border to collect the Elephant & Bunn-sponsored prize. This raised £100 for Y Bwythyn Newydd.

Members of the society were full of praise for the warm welcome afforded them on arrival at the Kendleshire Golf Club and for the level of service throughout the day. Arranging for a full size Welsh flag to be flown from the flagpole was also appreciated!

Finally, the society are grateful to JCP Solicitors of Cowbridge for contributing towards the cost of hiring the coach for their journey to the Kendleshire.

The society's next meeting is 'captains day' scheduled for Thursday, July 13 at St Athan Golf Club.

Quarter-final draw for the Nipper Jewell Memorial Trophy: Ray Thomas v Trevor Wooding; Bryan Owen v Hugh Williams; Gareth Perkins v Geraint Davies; Mike King v Julian Golunski. Matches to be played by Thursday, July 27.

TMCC

KATIE TURNS OUT FOR 'WALES RED'

Katie Williams of Cowbridge, who recently played basketball for Wales.

A COWBRIDGE schoolgirl has represented Wales at basketball for the second time in a few weeks.

Katie Williams (12) was selected again to play for a Welsh representative team against Sussex, Surrey, Middlesex, Kent and the 'Wales Green' team in Surrey on Saturday, June 24.

Katie's team (Wales Red) came third. It was a tough competition, because some of the girls in the English teams not only play for their county, but also, like Katie, for their nation.

Katie recently represented the Welsh under-13 team against Northern Ireland and Scotland in a tri-nation event held in Belfast.



AS

Vale of Glamorgan Pool League news

The Whitchill Hotel have been crowned cup winners with a close and hard fought win against Cocopops.

The cup is generously sponsored by Mike Loveless, owner and operator of R&M Mobile Valeting.

The first frame was won by Cocopops, the second by Ryan Rowlands of the Whitchill. Back came Cocopops with their captain Graham Awaient beating county captain James Hill.

Next up was Barry's number one player Chris Bardsley, and he didn't disappoint the crowd and gave a good performance against the plucky Nathan Davidson.

Frame five saw the in-form Lawrence Klee beating a resilient Kyle Power, while the last singles game saw Adam Evans slip to defeat.

All games were close but it was the Whitchill who held a 4-2 lead going into the scotch doubles.

Kyle Power and county player Mike Dunn made the game 4-3. Up next were the Vale's poster boys Ryan Rowlands and James Hill and what happened next was breathtaking.

The crowd looked on thinking "He won't clear up from there" - but Ryan had other ideas. The black was surrounded by his opponents' balls, with two reds left to pot and a hidden black.

Ryan spent a full minute looking at his options, then the magic. The first red potted fairly easy, but it was the position he would need for his last ball that mattered, and he got it.

Calmly chalking his cue, he then potted his last ball in the top right hand pocket with the cue ball bouncing off the top cushion into his opponents' ball, releasing the black.

We all looked on as the balls moved around the table and the cue

ball was in line with the black and bottom corner pocket, a truly remarkable shot that deserved to win the frame and the cup for the Whitchill hotel.

Congratulations go to the Whitchill and Cocopops for a great final.

The county team are on course for promotion with a well-earned win against an accomplished Porthcawl team, 21-15.

The Vale struggled in the first two sessions, but turned things around in sessions three and four.

The Vale's best players were Ian Hill and Graham Awaient who also leads the averages.

This Sunday, July 9, is the scotch doubles semi-finals and final at the Billy, start time 7pm. Gavin Rowlands and Wayne Hobson of the Castle are in the draw with Mark Ingram and Billy United team mate John Farrugia, Jamie Stanton and Ian Hill and Ryan Rowland and James Hill from Whitchill completing the line-up.

The league would like to thank Harry Asprou from Asprou barbers, Park Crescent, Barry for his hugely generous sponsorship of a silver trophy for the league singles champion.

The presentation night is Saturday, July 15 at the King William IV pub in Cadoxton. There is a live band after the presentation and a late bar, huge thanks to Dave and Jo.

The new season starts on Thursday, August 3, start time 8pm every week with a new playing format.

We are looking for men and women of all capabilities to join the league. For more information, or to register a team, text Joe on 07870 498738 or phone Anthony on 07568 444180 - you can also find us on Facebook.

JB

Judy Murray encourages girls to play tennis in Vale trip



JUDY Murray has praised the tennis facilities in the Vale after a recent visit to Barry.

As Wimbledon approaches, the mother of world men's number one Andy Murray held sessions for local girls at Barry Leisure Centre and Romilly Park.

They were part of the 'She Rallies' campaign that Ms Murray fronts, a scheme that aims to get more girls involved in the sport.

The Scottish coach admitted key to participation is having tennis facilities available to the public.

Ms Murray said: "I'm a huge believer that if there are tennis courts in public parks they should be free to use. The swings are free to use and the ducks are free to feed so it should be the same with tennis courts."

"It is great that there are local parks in Barry that have courts because there are a lot of towns that don't have that. They've had them in the past and lost them to other activities, housing, supermarkets or car parks."

"A tennis court is quite a big space so it's often hard to find those spaces again if they have disappeared. Local public facilities are the most important thing for growing the game."

The She Rallies scheme is delivered in partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and is designed to increase female participation in a sport that is 'overwhelmingly' played by males.

Editor's note: in 2016, LTA figures were that the number of monthly players was around 731,000, split 61-39 per cent male-to-female.

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League's top two showdown ends in a damp squib!

THE showdown clash between the South Wales Cricket Association Division One leaders, Bronwydd and Cowbridge, ended as a damp draw with the visitors from Carmarthenshire needing 25 runs in four overs with seven wickets in hand.

That the game was unfinished due to persistent light drizzle was perhaps to Cowbridge's good fortune as the best the home side could hoped for was a winning draw but the hot money would have been on a visitors' victory.

The way the points were then distributed meant that the visitors gained three points on Cowbridge to continue to lead the Division One table with a margin increased to 16 points. Bronwydd now have 202, Cowbridge 186 and Llanelli 180.

On a day that would inevitably have a significant bearing on the final outcome of the two clubs' quest for promotion first blood went to the visitors as they won the toss and inserted Cowbridge.

The home side was without Tom Merilahti for once as he was attending a wedding while Bronwydd's leading bowler David Dunfee had left them in midweek to join Dafen.

This toss was a considerable advantage in the tactical by plays. Bat first and it's much more difficult to win than if you are chasing. Unfortunately on a pitch that was the most bowler-friendly of the season the much vaunted Cowbridge batting failed to get on top at any time.

Five batsmen all got into the twenties but none could go on to build an innings that could provide the base of a substantial total.

That Cowbridge amassed 179 all of seemed to some a decent effort but to many of the supporters it created an uneasy feeling that it might not have been enough.

When the visitors came out after tea there were two early wickets for Cowbridge paceman Rian Thomas.

At 5-2 the Cowbridge supporters were in a happy mode but solid if

unspectacular progress from Willis and Furneaux who added a stand of 102 meant that by the time the rain began to fall the visitors had put themselves in a position to win the game.

It was brave of the umpires to take the sides off with just four overs to go but it was the correct decision. A sheen of dampness had begun to make fielding difficult, and it had ceased to be a fair game.

Indeed there were a number of dampness-related fielding errors on Cowbridge's part to assist Bronwydd's quest.

Now there are eight matches left which allows room for plenty of drama before the season ends.

Cowbridge still have every chance and while disappointed that they failed to beat Bronwydd and go top there is the fact that had Bronwydd emerged victorious they would by now have one hand on The Dan Radcliffe Cup.

If Cowbridge can continue to win they still need another club to beat Bronwydd. There remain 224 points available for each side so it remains a very tight situation.

The success of the first XI has generated a support that was augmented on Saturday by John and Martyn Bevan, who were both Cowbridge cricketers of distinction.

John, or 'JB' as he was universally known, was a fine bowler who took in excess of 1,000 wickets for the club in a career that lasted from 1957 to 1983.

Martyn is remembered as a gifted all-round sportsman who in addition to his prowess as a cricketer was full back for Cowbridge when the XV played Pontypool in the WRU Cup in 1978. It was a great pleasure to welcome them both back to the club.

Nobody said it would be easy to win The Dan Radcliffe Cup but it's still there to be won.

The potential disaster that defeat would have been avoided even if the rain played a big part. So the first XI go to Gorseinon this week fully aware that they need to concentrate on their own game and not worry about Bronwydd. It promises to be a fascinating and tense eight weeks.

JRB

WEAKENED VALE COME CLOSE TO SHOCK VICTORY

It is testament to the progress Vale Cricket Club has made over the last year or so that it was able to field two competitive teams last Saturday despite the absence of six first team regulars and three who form the mainstay of the second.

Such absence just a year ago would have almost certainly have seen the default of the second team fixture.

On days like this it is important to recognise the contribution of stalwarts whose commitment to the club should never be taken for granted: players like Andy Knight, who made his debut for the firsts despite his trepidation, and Mark Harvey who will always turn out for the seconds if short even though he would rather not.

Andy was joined in the first team by run machine Mark Francis (406 runs at 80.6 for the 2s so far this year) and 14 year-old debutant Gethin Merry who has

thoroughly earned his promotion through consistent displays with ball, bat and in the field. The firsts travelled to Pontymister to play against newly-merged Pontymister and Cross Keys and were put into bat on what looked like a decent deck.

After the dreadful collapse last week the orders from captain JP Davies were to settle at the crease and play yourself in. Davidson

(26) and Withers (15) went about their work trying to punish loose bowling, a task that proved to be difficult with the agricultural outfield slowing the ball down meaning that the pair of them didn't get full reward for some well-timed shots.

Withers fell first hitting a full toss straight to extra cover off the bowling of Davey (1-32). If Vale were to be successful today, they needed partnerships.

Openers Withers and Davidson managed a below par 38 for the first wicket with Davidson and JP Davies adding 31 for the second. The most impressive partnership of the day was the century stand between Joe Hodges (92no) and in form club man Mark Francis (49).

Hodges and Francis showed great patience and maturity, working the ball around (perhaps having to run more singles than the pair would have liked) and punished the poor deliveries.

Once Francis had gone, the big hitting Snelson (17no) joined Hodges at the crease with seven overs to go. The pair sent the ball to all areas of the ground securing maximum batting points for the Vale with an unbroken partnership of (59).

The pair dominated the bowling side and stretched the fielders and Vale finished with 244-4, a massive target for their opposition to chase down thanks to some excellent hitting and partnerships between Hodges, Francis and Snelson.

The bowling of C Jones and Pontymister and Cross Keys should be commended as he bowled consistent and tight lines for his 1-29.

After tea, father and son combination Darren and Alex Upham took the new ball. Both caused the batsman trouble but on this occasion Darren (0-32) will have to let his son take the headlines.

Fifteen-year-old Alex Upham (4-26) continues to impress teammates and opposition alike with his talent and is now becoming a first team stalwart and surely one of the first names on the team sheet.

Alex's second over saw him remove D Jones (3) by destroying his off stump and Armstrong (0) caught behind by keeper Harry Withers who would snaffle two more behind the stumps all off the bowling of Alex Upham.

Once again, Vale allowed their opposition to settle and build momentum in the middle section as Ahmed (50), Ali (57) and J Baker (55) all did well as they tried to chase down their target.

Ahmed was removed by all-rounder Snelson (1-30) a useful wicket to get at the time as he was looking very capable of scoring boundaries in his unorthodox style. Ali was removed by Davies (1-46) and Baker was sent from the crease by Davidson (3-29).

Special mentions must go the rumbustious Joe Hodges for his excellent 92no, Mark Francis for his well-played 49 and excellent fielding (that shoulder seems better)

and Alex Upham for his tenacious bowling and debutant Gethin Merry for his excellent catch and accurate throwing.

Shorn of so many regulars, the seconds competed well at Cornstown against their counterparts from Pontymister and Cross Keys.

On a wicket that look good, but played less well, skipper Carl Brooks elected to bat first. Brooks went early, run out, followed by Mark Stephens, leaving the only two remaining regular batsmen Gareth Andrews and Steve Hiles at the crease.

The going was initially slow due to some very accurate bowling - particularly Short (1-11) and Gregory (3-20) - and the vagaries of the pitch.

After a partnership of 40, Hiles was tragically run out, followed soon by Andrews, bowled for a very good 45. This left

Mark Harvey to shepherd the callow tail, which he did effectively, remaining 21 not out, supported by some good hitting from debutant Matthew Lazarus (15 not out).

Although the final total of 133-8 was below par, after tea Vale took wickets steadily. Max Collis, returning from 'paternity leave' for his first game of the season, bowled really well to take 3-26, and when he hit the top of opener Neil Turner's (47) off stump, leaving Pontymister and Crosskeys at 102-5, a shock victory was in sight.

However, away skipper Ryan Davy batted sensibly for 17 to see the visitors home.

Vale will rue the 38 extras and two dropped catches and have slipped from top of the league, now headed by Crumlin whom they visit this week.

CB

Cowbridge Bowls Club news

YET another good week for the ladies with good wins at home and points away from home in a Two Rink Evening League game on Tuesday against Porthcawl Curlews at home in a Cowbridge Shield Match.

Rink scores: Lynda Wilson, Corrie Bufton, Pat Holdsworth and May Jones 23-8; Janet Morton, Phyllis Price, Helena Snelling and Joy Woolford 13-16; Lin Wallace, Carol Davies, Shirley Wilkinson and Sylvia Hole 18-12. Match score: Cowbridge 54, Curlews 36.

Wednesday saw a league match, again at home, against Cadoxton. Rink scores: Corrie Bufton, Maggie Penn, Joy Woolford and Helena Snelling 27-8; Lynda Wilson, Diane Lloyd, Dorothy Pritchard and Sue Flower 30-12; Caryll Davies, Jan Lewis, Sylvia Hole and Joan Bradley 35-0.75 (opposing team played with three players). Match score: Cowbridge 92, Cadoxton 20.75.

Friday evening saw a two rink away game at Milwood. Rink scores: Dorothy Pritchard, Phyllis Price, Diane Lloyd and Joan Bradley 6-34; Lynda Wilson, Sylvia Hole, Pat Holdsworth and Shirley Wilkinson 19-8. Match score: Cowbridge 25, Milwood 42.

The men played their first game, an Evening Triples game on Monday evening at home to Ogmere Vale, and lost overall by just one shot. This was despite an excellent rink win by John Jones, Bryan Hole (who was outstanding)

and Norman Wilkinson (skip) - they won 29-7. Match score: Cowbridge 70, Ogmere Vale 71.

In their midweek Munro Cup game Cowbridge were away to Dinas Powis. This is always a difficult place in which to pick up away points but Colin Wilson's rink with support from Gerry Lloyd, Ron Dobie and Ken Payne did just that with a 19-16 win.

We lost on the other three rinks. Match score: Cowbridge 44, Dinas Powis 78.

Making their first visit to Cowbridge last Saturday for a league game were 16 players from Blaenrhondda.

On three of the rinks at half-time Blaenrhondda were leading. One rink skipped by Roger Barwick went into a good lead.

After 21 ends Cowbridge had won on three of the rinks and gained 12 valuable points.

Rink scores: Mansel Davey, Ken Payne, Guy Morton and Clive Pritchard 17-15; Gerry Lloyd, John Collin, Peter Launder and Norman Wilkinson 21-14; Tom Purnell, Bryan Hole, Colin Wilson and Dennis Snelling 15-19; Terry Dunsworth, John Jones, Brian Kent and Roger Barwick 53-5 (score of 53 included a hot shot on the 11th end). Match score: Cowbridge 106, Blaenrhondda 53.

Finally, Cowbridge will always need new players and if, as readers, you are thinking of trying the game some time why not call in for a chat on a Friday evening between 6pm-8pm. Ask for Mike Bradley; you will find the green behind the Leisure Centre.

MB

Ben and Danny in 'canoe polo' action



BEN Muller (Year 11) and Danny Muller (Year 9) of Cowbridge Comprehensive School had a busy weekend competing for Great Britain at 'canoe polo'.

Ben Muller competed in Mechelen, Belgium, for the Great Britain under-21 men's B team. This was Ben's first time competing for Great Britain at a European Cup, and also his first time playing for the Great Britain under-21 men's team.

The team came 11th, including a 3-0 win against Denmark's under-



21 men's A Team. Well done Ben!

Danny played for the Great Britain under-14s team at Liverpool International, where his team won every game over the weekend.

They also won the Class 4 League. Well done Danny!

The photographs show Ben with his team (wearing number 3 in red) and Danny in action.

LLANTWIT MAJOR mens bowlers travelled to Windsor (Penarth) for their Wednesday Munro Cup match.

Against a strong side Llantwit went down heavily, losing on two rinks, 83-62 shots.

Adrian Woods' rink began well being five up at the halfway stage. Windsor closed the gap to two shots and had levelled the score by the 16th end.

Llantwit scored a two on the penultimate end to get them home by one shot.

Charles Hiscock's rink were eight shots down after four ends. Two good ends by LLlantwit put them in front by two shots but LLlantwit then hit a brick wall with shots hard to come by, winning on only one more end to lose heavily.

Steve Booker's were up against it from the start with Matthew Woodcock, skipping for Windsor, being in fine form to give Llantwit a tough time.

Llantwit started well which was a false dawn as after the fifth end LLlantwit were stuck on five shots for nine ends before some good bowling on the final few ends by LLlantwit managed to reduce the heavy deficit.

Graham Jones' rink found the green to their liking, taking a 12 shot lead after eight ends. LLlantwit continued to score well with the whole rink contributing to the score.

A five by Windsor in the final few ends doubled their score to reduce LLlantwit's win to 10 shots.

Llantwit visited Romilly (Barry) for

their Saturday league fixture with the Red Arrows giving a fine display above them.

Llantwit matched this with a super display on the green to out-bowl their hosts, winning on three rinks, 112-57.

Steve Booker's rink, who have had a poor run of form lately, came back strongly in this match being the top scoring rink with Derek Mutlow giving them a great start.

Llantwit won the first eight ends to be 15 shots up. LLlantwit only allowed Romilly to win five ends, giving LLlantwit a huge 33 shot win.

Charles Hiscock's rink started slowly being two shots down after four ends. LLlantwit then struck back, scoring sixes on consecutive ends to go 10 shots up.

Llantwit never lost the lead after this, winning by 17 shots.

Graham Jones' rink were behind until the sixth end when LLlantwit scored a four to go three up. LLlantwit continued to score enough shots to keep them in front to win by nine shots.

Adrian Woods' rink had a much closer game with the scores level on the ninth end. LLlantwit then went ahead and although finding Romilly's heavy green not to their liking, LLlantwit stayed in front until the 17th end.

Romilly then scored a seven on one end which put pay to any LLlantwit win, losing by four shots.

Rink scores: SB 39-6, CH 31-14, GJ 26-17, AW 16-20.

NY



BRITISH & IRISH LIONS TOUR 2017

Second test: New Zealand 21 British & Irish Lions 24



The Lions keep test series alive with historic win... but beware New Zealand Black-lash!



The Lions outscored the All Blacks two tries to nil, with Conor Murray (left) and Taulupe Faletau crossing the try line.

THERE was a point in Saturday's second test between the British & Irish Lions, just after the start of the second half, where Sky Sports' Will Greenwood noted that, with the scores tied at 9-9, the weather taking on British-like qualities and the All Blacks permanently down to 14 men following Sonny Bill Williams' shoulder charge on Anthony Watson's head, this was a game the Lions had to win – that there would be no better opportunity to notch a fabled victory over the world champions and take the series into a third, and decisive, test.

The Lions achieved this, their 24-21 victory historic in many ways (the first defeat the All Blacks had suffered on home soil for eight years, the first time in 39 games they had failed to score a try), and the manner of their victory – committed, determined and hard-working until the last – was hugely impressive.

But it does come with the caveat that they were playing a team who had seen their own attacking game plan undone by the sending off, and had Beauden Barrett worn the kicking boots he had on in the first test then, even a man down, New Zealand would have eked out a test-claiming win.

So while many were overcome by the Lions victory (most embarrassingly Sky's Graham Simmons, whose hysterical post-game interviews were undercut by the Lions' honest response that the job was only half done and that it means little if the test series isn't won outright), there was plenty to unpick and to work on if the Lions are to achieve the "immortality" that Simmons so passionately spoke of.

Discipline was the key area, the Lions giving far too many penalties away and only Barrett's weakness with the boot kept them in touch on the scoreboard. On any other day this would have sounded the death knell for the Lions, but there was something in the air on Saturday, a chink of vulnerability in the All Blacks' armour that can hopefully be found and exploited again on Saturday.

by GARETH JAMIESON



Sonny Bill Williams' red card was a pivotal moment in the game.

Already rattled by Williams' 24th minute sending off (the first for an All Black in 50 years), Barrett's malfunctioning kicking was hardly likely to soothe the nerves but the Lions, conscious of the numerical advantage, were all too often guilty of forcing play, looking for the spaces that weren't there – cooler heads eventually prevailed.

Yet having gone in at the interval level at 9-9, they started the second half like a team who didn't know what they were doing, conceding penalty after penalty and playing some of the worst rugby of the tour.

For nearly 20 minutes it seemed as if the All Blacks would wind the game down and claim the win, especially as the numerical advantage was evened up by the yellow card given to Mako Vunipola.

But then came a moment of magic as Taulupe Faletau burst down the left after good patient work, and though Owen Farrell's conversion missed, it took the Lions to within four points, 18-14, having played terribly.

When Barrett landed a penalty to take the score to 21-14, again there seemed no way back for the Lions but again they found one, as Conor Murray darted over from close range, giving Farrell an easier conversion to level the scores at 21-21.

With the scores level, and all to play for, this was where the Lions needed to press home the advantage – back to a full complement, it was now or never, anything less than the win the least they deserved.

With four minutes remaining, the opportunity opened up as Kyle Sinckler won a penalty after being tackled in the air (arguably a contentious decision, as Philip Irwin notes on this page) and Farrell kicked the three points that earned a series-leveling win, leaving it all to play for at Eden Park this Saturday.

Taking away the negatives for a moment, there is no arguing that this win for the Lions was a massive, massive statement of intent. The better team on the day, they deserved the result, and a win will give the players and management the filip they need for Saturday.

Momentum has been a key word of this tour since the get-go, and the Lions have it at the most crucial time, a date with destiny in a stadium where the All Blacks haven't lost since 1994.

The performances were immense, Alun Wyn Jones deflecting the criticism that came his way after the first test to deliver an outstanding shift, while the power and impact of Maro Itoje and captain Sam Warburton gave the team more propulsion at the breakdown and disrupted the All Blacks.

In the backs the decision to drop Ben Te'o and bring Owen Farrell in at inside centre, with Jonny Sexton moving to outside-half, paid off; Te'o was immensely unlucky to be the odd man out in that situation, and you have to query if the Sexton/Farrell axis will hold up to All Black scrutiny come Saturday.

Selection this week will be tricky for Warren Gatland and his coaches – after all, how do you change a winning team?

The answer is you have to adapt what you have and pick the players best suited for a gameplan that Gatland will feel is capable of inflicting a second straight defeat on the All Blacks, who will no doubt be keen not to fall to the Lions again.

As Gatland put it, "We've poked the bear". The question is now do these Lions have the roar and bite to finish the job off, or will the bear be too fired up and powerful?

We'll find out Saturday.

Could vital Lions' penalty set a dubious precedent?

Philip Irwin writes:

While I am as thrilled as the next man or woman that the series is going to a decider in Eden Park, I'm worried about the final Lions' penalty.

Murray's pass to Kyle Sinckler was higher than ideal, but he had no need to jump to catch it. Of course, if he had stretched out above his head to catch it, substitute prop Charlie Fuiimuana was all set for a crash tackle into his solar plexus.

As it was, I do think Fuiimuana was committed to the tackle and couldn't pull out. I thought Sinckler's outrage (which seemed to continue after the whistle) was a bit precious.

Would he have been outraged if his knee had caught the tackler in the face? Older readers may remember an incident involving JPR and Scottish wing Billy Steele which, I think, left JPR with a broken jaw.

However, the long term implications are worrying. What if backs start giving a slightly higher pass, so that the recipient can jump and catch it? The catcher would be untouchable, and his momentum would probably take him five yards over the gain line by the time he touched down. He could even be in the clear all the way to the line.

I can't help feeling that a few defence coaches might agree with me on this!



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